L. A. BILL No. XXIII OF 2025.

A BILL

further to amend the Maharashtra Stamp Act.

(As passed by the Legislative Assembly on the 20th March, 2025.)

(As returned by the Legislative Council without any recommendations on the 24th March, 2025.)

LX of WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Maharashtra Stamp Act ^{1958.} for the purposes hereinafter appearing; it is hereby enacted in the Seventy-sixth

> This Act may be called the Maharashtra Stamp (Amendment) Act, 2025. Short title. 1.

2. In section 4 of the Maharashtra Stamp Act (hereinafter referred to as Amendment LX of ^{1958.} "the principal Act"), in sub-section (1), for the words "one hundred rupees" the of section 4 of words "five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.

3. In section 10 of the principal Act,-

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(1) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely :—

"(3) (a) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (1), the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority shall by notification in the *Official Gazette*, specify the instruments in Schedule I in respect of which the duties chargeable, as specified in column (2) of the said Schedule shall be paid,—

(*i*) by means of franking machine ; or

(*ii*) by e-payment, in Virtual Treasury through Government Receipt Accounting System (G.R.A.S.) or in any Bank Account specified in the *Official Gazette* by the said Authority in this behalf through any permissible net banking mode.

(b) Any duties paid by e-payment shall be indicated,-

(i) by an endorsement to that effect made on the instrument by the proper officer duly notified by the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority for this purpose; or

(*ii*) in case of consolidated payment for electronic record pertaining to such instruments by the certificate issued by such proper officer; or

(*iii*) by e-stamp certificate issued through electronic means and mode as may be prescribed by the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority.

(c) If the proper officer has not endorsed the instrument or has not issued the certificate or the e-stamp certificate has not been issued through the prescribed electronic means and mode, as the case may be, under clause (b), then the mere e-payment under clause (a) shall not be treated as duty paid for any of the purposes of the Act.

(d) The procedure to regulate the use of e-payment, endorsement or certification by proper officer and generation of e-stamp certificate shall be such as the Chief Controlling Revenue Authority may by an order determine.";

(2) sub-section (3A) shall be deleted ;

(3) in sub-section (4),—

(*i*) after the words "endorsement made" the words and letter ", certificate issued or e-stamp certificate generated" shall be inserted;

(*ii*) after the words "in the endorsement" the words and letter ",certificate or e-stamp certificate" shall be inserted.

Amendment 4. In of section 10D of LX of 1958.

4. In section 10D of the principal Act,—

(1) for sub-section (3), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:-

"(3) It shall be the duty of the proper officer so authorised under sub-section (2) to make an endorsement on the instrument after defacing the challan, as follows :— "Stamp duty of Rs. paid by e-Challan, *vide* GRN No. CIN....., dated the

Seal of the Office.

Signature of the Officer." ";

(2) in the proviso, after the word, brackets and letters "Receipt (e-SBTR)" the words, letter, brackets and figure " or e-stamp certificate generated under sub-section (3)" shall be inserted.

5. In section 31 of the principal Act,—

Amendment of section 31 of LX of 1958.

(1) in sub-section (1), for the words "a fee of one hundred rupees" the $_{of LX of 1958.}$ words "a fee of one thousand rupees" shall be substituted ;

(2) after sub-section (1), the following proviso shall be inserted, namely :—

"Provided that, after commencement of the Maharashtra Stamp (Amendment) Act, 2025, in respect of executed instruments, no application shall be accepted for adjudication, unless the person has deposited with the Collector,—

(*i*) where the stamp duty is chargeable on the market value of the property, which is the subject matter of such instrument, the amount of difference between the stamp duty chargeable as per the value of consideration stated in the instrument or the market value of such property according to the person, whichever is higher and the stamp duty already paid on the instruments; and

(ii) in other cases, the amount of difference between the stamp duty chargeable according to the person and the stamp duty already paid on the instruments :

Provided further that, the Collector shall adjust such deposited amount against the stamp duty finally determined and refund the excess amount deposited, if any, to the person depositing it within a period of forty-five days, without any interest.".

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