

THE KERALA SHOPS AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS  
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021  
(As passed by the Assembly)

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*further to amend the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1960.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1960 (34 of 1960) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Seventy-second Year of the Republic of India, as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

2. *Amendment of section 2.*—In section 2 of the Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1960 (34 of 1960) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) after clause (9), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(9A) “Labour Administrator” means an officer of the Labour department of the State notified as Inspector under this Act;

(9B) "Labour Commissionerate Automation System" means a software owned and operated by the Labour department to cater end to end solutions to the employers, employees and Labour Administrators;".

3. *Amendment of section 5A.*—In section 5A of the principal Act,—

(1) in sub-section (1), after the words “make an application”, the words “through Labour Commissionerate Automation System” shall be inserted;

(2) for sub-section (6), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(6) An application for the renewal of a registration certificate granted under this Act shall be made at least thirty days before the expiry of the period thereof and on payment of such fees, as may be prescribed, through Labour Commissionerate Automation System, the registration certificate shall be renewed automatically.”;

(3) sub-section (7) shall be omitted;

(4) in sub-section (8), after the words “granted or renewed”, the words “through Labour Commissionerate Automation System” shall be inserted.

4. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Kerala Shops and Commercial Establishments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 (123 of 2021) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

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