The Assam State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) Bill, 2022

A BILL

Preamble

further to amend the Assam State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) Act 1977.

Assam Act No.VI of 1977

Whereas, it is expedient further to amend the Assam State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) Act 1977, hereinafter referred to as the principal Act, in the manner hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted in the Seventy-third Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

Short title, extent and commencement

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- (1) This Act may be called the Assam State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) (Amendment) Act, 2022.
- (2) It shall have the like extent as the principal Act.
- (3) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 6

- 2. In the principal Act, in section 6,
 - (i) in sub-section (1), for the words "imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both and shall also be liable to pay the excess charge specified in sub-section (2)", appearing in between the words, "punished with" and "for the distance", the words "fine equal to ten times of the ticket amount or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees whichever is less" shall be substituted.
 - (ii) sub-section (2), shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 7

3. In the principal Act, in section 7, in clause (d), for the words "imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both", appearing after the words "punishable with", the words "fine which may extend to two thousand and five hundred rupees or ten times of the ticket value per passenger whichever is higher" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 9

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In the principal Act, in section 9, in the third and fourth line, for the words "imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both", appearing after the words "punishable with", the words "fine which may extend to two thousand and five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.



STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The objective is to introduce the Bill, namely the State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to further amend the State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) Act, 1977 for decriminalisation.

- (1) In the Principal Act, in section 6, in sub-section (1) for the words "imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to Two hundred and fifty rupees or with both and shall also be liable to pay the excess charge specified in sub-section (2)" the words "fine equal to ten times of the ticket amount or with fine which may extend to two thousand rupees which ever is less" shall be substituted. Sub-section (2) shall be omitted.
- (2) In the Principal Act, in section 7, in clause (d) for the words "with imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both" the words "with fine which may extend to Two Thousand and five hundred rupees or ten times of the ticket value per passenger whichever is higher" shall be substituted.
- (3) In the Principal Act, in section 9, for the words "with imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both" the words "with fine which may extend to Two Thousand and five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.

In view of above, amendment of The State Transport Corporation (Prevention of Unauthorised Travel) Act, 1977 is proposed.

Hence the Bill.

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

This Bill does not entail any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State once it comes into force.

MEMORANDUM OF DELEGATED LEGISLATION

The Bill does not propose to delegate legislative power to the Executive.

EXTRACT OF SECTION 6, 7 AND 9 OF THE ASSAM STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION (PREVENTION OF UNAUTHORISED TRAVEL) ACT 1977.

UNDER AMENDMENT

- Section 6 (1) In the Principal Act, in section 6, in sub-section (1) for the words "imprisonment for a term which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to Two hundred and fifty rupees or with both and shall also be liable to pay the excess charge specified in sub-section (2)" the words "fine equal to ten times of the ticket amount or with 'fine which may extend to two thousand rupees whichever is less" shall be substituted. Sub-section (2) shall be omitted.
- Section 7(2) In the Principal Act, in section 7, in clause (d) for the words "with imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both" the words "with fine which may extend to Two Thousand and five hundred rupees or ten times of the ticket value per passenger whichever is higher" shall be substituted.
- Section 9(3) In the Principal Act, in section 9, for the words "with imprisonment which may extend to one month or with fine which may extend to two hundred and fifty rupees or with both" the words "with fine which may extend to Two Thousand and five hundred rupees" shall be substituted.