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Transport (B) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.4/2024/Trans.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 5th March, 2024.

S. R. O. No. 244/2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause(xxiv) of sub-section (2) of section 72 and sub-section (1) of section 95 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (Central Act 59 of 1988), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the same having been previously published as notification No.B2/321/2023/Trans. dated 21st November, 2023 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.3753 dated 22nd November, 2023 as required by sub-section (1) of section 212 of the said Act, namely:-



RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Motor Vehicles (2nd Amendment) Rules, 2024.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- In the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, in sub-rule (2) of rule 260A,

a. in sub-rule(2), for the words “twenty years”, the words “twenty two years” shall be substituted.

b. in the 2nd proviso to sub-rule (2) for the words "fifteen years", the words "twenty years" shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

Dr Vasuki K IAS

Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Sub-rule (2) of rule 260A of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 provides that a stage carriage older than twenty years from the date of its registration shall not be permitted to be operated as an Ordinary Service or a City Service. Considering the representations received from Private Bus Operators Association in the State to increase the life span of stage carriages from 20 years to 22 years to operate as Ordinary or City service, Government have decided to amend the said rule. Draft rules for amending sub-rule (2) of rule 260A of the Kerala Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 has been published as required under sub-section (1) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 as per notification No.B2/321/2023-Trans. dated 21st November, 2023 and published in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.3753 dated 22nd November, 2023. No objections or suggestions were received on the said draft rules. In the meeting chaired by Honourable Minister for Transport with various organisations of bus owners on 14/11/2023, it was decided to increase the age limit of KSRTC/Private buses from 15 years to 20 years, that are powered by Petroleum fuels and operated in the corporation of Thiruvananthapuram, Kochi and Kozhikode which were not permitted to operate unless they are converted to vehicles powered by Electricity/CNG/LNG fuels by 30/01/2024. Government have, therefore, decided to issue notification as provided in sub-section (2) and 2nd proviso to sub-rule (2) of section 212 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Hence this notification.

