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### Part IV—Section 1

Tamil Nadu Bills

## BILL INTRODUCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TAMIL NADU

Under Rule 130 of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Rules, the following Bill which was introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu on 25th July 2014 is published together with Statement of Objects and Reasons for general information:—

#### L.A. Bill No. 9 of 2014

# A Bill further to amend the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987.

BE it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Tamil Nadu in the Sixty-fifth Year of the Republic of India as follows:-

**1.** (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Amendment Act, 2014.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 31st day of May 2014.

Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1989.

**2.** In section 33 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in the proviso to sub-section (1), for the expression "three years", the expression "four years" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Section 33.

Validation.

**3.** Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, every person exercising the powers and discharging the functions of a Special Officer of the market committees, with effect on and from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014, shall be deemed to have been appointed as such Special Officer of the said market committees under sub-section (1) of section 33 of the principal Act, as amended by this Act, and anything done or any action taken by the said Special Officers during the period commencing on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014 and ending with the date of publication of this Act in the *Tamil Nadu Government Gazette*, shall be deemed to have been validly done or taken under the principal Act, as amended by this Act.

#### STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS.

Sub-section (1) of section 33 of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural Produce Marketing (Regulation) Act, 1987 (Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1989) empowers the Government to appoint a Special Officer to manage the affairs of the market committee pending the constitution of a new market committee for a period not exceeding three years in the aggregate. By virtue of the said provision, Special Officers were appointed to the 21 market committees to manage the affairs of the said market committees initially for a period of one year ending the 30th May 2012 and lastly extended upto 30th May 2014. When the Government were taking earnest efforts to re-constitute the new market committees by making nominations, the Model Code of Conduct for election to the Lok-Sabha came into force on the 5th March 2014 and was in force upto the 18th May 2014. The reconstitution of the market committees could not, therefore, be carried out before the 30th May 2014. Hence, there is compelling necessity to continue the appointment of the said Special Officers for one more year beyond the said period of three years or till the reconstitution of the market committees, whichever is earlier. The Government have, therefore, decided to amend the said Tamil Nadu Act 27 of 1989 for the purpose and also to validate anything done or any action taken by the said Special Officers on or after the 31st May 2014.

2. The Bill seeks to give effect to the above decision.

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