The Registration (Goa Amendment) Bill, 2008

(Bill No. 20 of 2008)

(introduced in the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa)
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A BILL

further to amend the Registration Act, 1908 (16 of 1908), as in force in the State of Goa.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Goa in the Fifty-ninth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:

1. Short title and commencement.— (1) This Act may be called the Registration (Goa Amendment) Act, 2008.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Insertion of new section 22A.— In the Registration Act, 1908 (16 of 1908), as in force in the State of Goa, after section 22, the following section shall be inserted, namely:

"22A. Registration of certain documents to be opposed to public policy.— (1) The State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare that the registration of any document or any class of documents specified in such notification shall be opposed to public policy.

(2) The registering officer shall examine a document presented for registration is one to which a notification under sub-section (1) is applicable and shall take such evidence as may
be produced by the parties and may also require them to produce all documents in their possession or custody which the registering officer considers relevant.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in the Act, the registering officer shall refuse to register any document or any class of documents to which a notification under sub-section (1) is applicable.

Statement of Objects and Reasons

The existing provisions of the Registration Act, 1908 (Act 16 of 1908) (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act")[1], as in force in the State of Goa, do not empower the State Government to declare that the registration of any document or any class of documents to be opposed to public policy.

The Bill, therefore, seeks to insert a new section 22A in the said Act so as to empower the Government to declare, by notification in the Official Gazette, that the registration of any document or any class of documents specified in such notification shall be opposed to public policy.

The Bill also seeks to empower the registering officer to refuse registration of any document which is opposed to public policy in terms of notification issued by the Government in that regard.

This Bill seeks to achieve the above objects.

Financial Memorandum

No financial implications are involved in this Bill.

Memorandum Regarding Delegated Legislation

Clause 2 of the Bill empowers the Government to issue notification for declaring any document
or any class of documents to be opposed to public policy.

This delegation is of normal character.

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