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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 23rd August 2011 is published together with Statement of Objects and Reasons for general information:—

L.A. Bill No. 15 of 2011

An Act to repeal the Tamil Nadu Tamil New Year (Declaration) Act, 2008.

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

1. (1) This Act may be called the Tamil Nadu Tamil New Year (Declaration) Repeal Act, 2011.

Short title and commencement.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Tamil Nadu Act
2 of 2008.

2. The Tamil Nadu Tamil New Year (Declaration) Act, 2008 is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Tamil Nadu Tamil New Year (Declaration) Act, 2008 (Tamil Nadu Act 2 of 2008), declares that the first day of the Tamil month "Thai" shall be celebrated as the Tamil New Year day.

The general public, scholars in Archaeology, experts in Astronomy and scholars from various walks of life have expressed their views through different media that the said Tamil Nadu Act 2 of 2008 is against the customary practice of celebrating the first day of the Tamil month "Chithirai" as Tamil New Year. They have also requested to the Government to repeal the said Act and to restore the age old custom of celebrating the first day of the Tamil month "Chithirai" as the Tamil New year. Further, the said Act has caused practical difficulties, resistance and opposition amongst the general public in following the first day of the Tamil month of "Thai" as the Tamil New Year day. The Government have, therefore, decided to restore the time immemorial custom of celebrating the first day of the Tamil month "Chithirai" as the Tamil New Year day by repealing the said Act.

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

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