A Bill further to amend the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957.

Whereas it is expedient further to amend the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957 (Karnataka Act 34 of 1957), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

Be it enacted by the Karnataka State Legislature in the Seventy first year of the Republic of India as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act may be called the Karnataka Stamp (Second Amendment) Act, 2020.

   (2) It shall be deemed to have into force with effect from 19th November, 2020.

2. **Amendment of section 9.**— In the Karnataka Stamp Act, 1957, (Karnataka Act 34 of 1957) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act) in section 9, in sub-section (1), in clause (a), after the last proviso, the following shall be inserted, namely:-

   "Provided also that the State Government may, in public interest, by notification, reduce or remit, the stamp duty payable on any instruments to be specified therein, executed by new and existing micro, small, medium enterprises (MSME) Large, Mega, Ultra Mega, Super Mega Enterprises including expansion, modernization and diversification project and in respect of any such projects as specified in the Karnataka Industrial Policy 2020-25 subject to production of certificate to that effect from the Director of Industries and Commerce."

3. **Amendment of schedule.**— In the schedule to the Principal Act, in article 20,-

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(ii) after clause (2) and the entries relating thereto, the following shall be inserted, namely:

(2A) where an instrument of conveyance relating to the first sale of flat or apartment, and, -

(i) where the market value of which is rupees twenty lakhs or less than twenty lakhs.

(ii) where the market value of which is above rupees twenty lakhs but up to and inclusive of thirty five lakhs.

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4. Repeal and savings.—(1) The Karnataka Stamp (Amendment) Ordinance, 2020 (Karnataka Ordinance 24 of 2020) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the principal Act, as amended by the said Ordinance, shall be deemed to have been done or taken under principal Act, as amended by this Act.
STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

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FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

There is no extra expenditure involved in the proposed legislative measure.
Explanatory Statement as required under sub-rule (1) of rule 80 of the Rules of procedure and conduct of Business in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly.

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Secretary (I/c)
Karnataka Legislative Assembly
ANNEXURE

EXTRACT FROM THE KARNATAKA STAMP ACT, 1957
(Karnataka Act 34 of 1957)

9. Power to reduce, remit or compound duties.- (1) The State Government may, by rule or order published in the Official Gazette,-

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Provided also that the State Government may, in public interest, by notification, reduce or remit, for a period of five years with effect from 16th January 2014, the stamp duty payable on any instrument executed by or between the concerned persons, in connection with the new Investment Incentive Policy (i.e. policy: IT, ITes, Innovation Incentives Policy) for the IT/ITes/Start-ups/ Animation /Gaming / Computer Graphics /Telecom/ BPO/KPO/other knowledge based industries, specified by general or special order of the State Government from time to time subject to production of a certificate to that effect from the prescribed Authority.

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SCHEDULE

20 (1) **For Conveyance.**- as defined by clause (d) of section 2, not being a transfer charged or exempted under No.52, on the market value of the property which is the subject matter of conveyance.

five percent of the value

(2)Where it relates to instrument of conveyance executed by a promoter, a land owner, or a developer by whatever name called, pertaining to premises of ‘Flat’ as defined in clause 9a) of section 2 of the Karnataka Ownership Flats (Regulation of the Promotion of Construction, Sale, Management and Transfer)

the same duty as a conveyance under Article 20(1) on the market value equal to the market value of the fully constructed flat or apartment or unit, irrespective of the stage of construction, deeming it as fully constructed.
Act, 1972 (Karnataka Act 16 of 1973) or 'Apartment' as defined in clause (a) of section 3 of the Karnataka Apartment Ownership Act, 1972 (Karnataka Act 17 of 1973) or transfer of share by or in favour of Co-operative Society or Company pertaining to premises or Unit and the market value of the property which is the subject matter of conveyance.

**Explanation:**

(a) "Premises" means and includes undivided interest in the land, building and proportionate share in the common areas:

(b) "Unit" includes flat, apartment, tenement, block or any other unit by whatever name called, constructed or under construction in accordance with the sanctioned plan by the authority competent to sanction a building plan under any law for the time being in force:

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