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An Act to consolidate the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certain documents in the possession or custody of courts and Revenue and other public officers Preamble.—WHEREF.As it is necessary to consolidate the law providing for the destruction or other disposal of certam documents in the posses- Sion or custody of courts and Revenue and other public officers in the State of Kerala ; BE it enacted in the Twelfth Year of the Republic of India as follows 1. Short titte, extent and commencement.—
(1) This Act may be called The Kerala Destruction of Records Act, 1961. (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Kerala. (3) It shall come into force at once

2. Power to certain authorities to make rules for the disposal of The authorities hereinafter specified may, from time to time, make rules for the disposal, by destruction or otherwise, Of such documents as are, in the opinion of the authority making the rules, not of sumcient public value to justify their preservation.(2) The authorities competent to make rules under sub-section (1) shall be,— (a) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of the High Court or of the coul ts of civil or criminal jurisdiction subordi- nate thereto,—the High Court ; Published zn the Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 9th day of January 1962. 3 (b) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of Revenue courts and Board of Revenue ; (c) in the case of documents in the possession or custody of any other public Government or the Head of the Depart- ment concerned or any omcer specially authorised rn that behalf by the Government. (3) Rules made under this section by the High Court or by the Board of Revenue or by a Head of Department or by an officer spe- cially authorised In that behalf shall be subject to the previous approval of the Government

3. Saving of certain documents.—Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to authorise the destruction of any document which, under the provi- slons of any law for the tame being in force, is to be kept and main- tained

4. Repeal .—The enactments mentioned in the Schedule are repealed to the extent specified therein. THE SCHEDULE 1. 2

3. Name of Enactment The Destruction of Records Act, 1098 (TI avancore Act 11 of 1098).The Destruction of Records Act, 1074 (Cochin Act V of 1074). The Destruction of Records Act, 1917 (Central Act 5 of 1917) as m force in the Malabar disu Ict referred to m sub-section (2) of section 5 of the States Re- organisation Act, 1956 Extent of repeal The whole. The whole. To the extent it relates to matters with respect to which the State Legislature IS competent to make law. 3/40 —la