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India

Amendments Proposed to the Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959

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The Employment Exchanges (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Amendment Bill, 2012 ("Bill") was recently approved for introduction in the Parliament by India's Union Cabinet to revamp the existing law and remove certain obsolete provisions.¹ The Bill proposes to expand the scope of the law to include contract laborers that have worked in the establishment for more than 240 days in a year. The press release further sets out that the Bill, *inter alia*, contemplates renaming Employment Exchanges to "Employment Guidance and Promotion Centres" and requiring such centers to focus on vocational guidance and career counseling in addition to registration, submission, placement, etc.

¹<http://pib.nic.in/newsite/erelease.aspx?relid=88187>