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**SRI LANKA**

**WILLS (AMENDMENT)**   
 **ACT, No. 29 OF 2022**

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE WILLS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 60)

BEit enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Wills (Amendment) Act, Short title No. 29 of 2022.

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| **2.** Section 2 of the Wills Ordinance (Chapter 60) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:–“Disposition | | Replacement of section 2 of  Chapter 60 |
| of property  by a will | 2. (1) It shall be lawful for any person who has reached the age of eighteen years and |

residing within or outside Sri Lanka to execute   
a will bequeathing and disposing any movable   
and immovable property and all and every   
estate, right, share or interest in any property   
which belong to him at the time of death and   
which, if not so devised, bequeathed or   
disposed would devolve upon his heirs of such   
person not legally incapacitated from taking   
the same as he shall seem fit.

(2) Every testator shall have full power to   
make such testamentary disposition as he shall   
feel disposed, and in the exercise of such right   
to exclude any child, parent, relative, or   
descendant, or to disinherit or omit to mention   
any such person, without assigning any reason   
for such exclusion, disinheritance, or omission,   
any law, usage, or custom now or herefore in   
force in Sri Lanka to the contrary

notwithstanding.”.

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| Repeal of  section 3 of the principal  enactment  Repeal of  section 4 of the principal  enactment  Amendment to section 7 of the principal | 2 | *Wills (Amendment) Act, No. 29 of 2022* |
| **3.** Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.  **4.** Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.  **5.** Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended  as follows:– | |

enactment   
 (1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) thereof; and

(2) by the addition, immediately after the renumbered   
 subsection (1) thereof, the following new   
 subsection:–

“(2) Upon the demise of a testator in a joint last   
will, testamentary proceedings shall be instituted   
under Chapter XXXVIII or Chapter XXXVIIIB of   
the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101), as the case   
may be, to obtain the probate or letters of   
administration with the will annexed proving the   
will.”.

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| Amendment to section 9 of the principal  enactment  Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency | **6.** Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “buildings erected on the same, and”, of the words, “buildings erected on the same, condominium parcel or any land parcel, and”.  **7.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala  and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. |

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