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L.D.–O. 44/2017

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE (CHAPTER 101)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Civil Procedure Code Short title (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 2023.

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| **2.** The Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101) is hereby amended by the repeal of section 205 thereof and substitution therefor of the following section:- | | Amendment of section 205 of Chapter 101 |
| “Persons to  be entitled to certified  copies of | **205.** (1) The Registrar of the court shall, where the respective parties to an action apply for a certified copy of the judgment or final |
| judgment, | decree of the action or both, issue one certified |
| decree or  proceedings in any action | copy of the same to each such party free of charge. |

(2) Subject to the provisions of subsection   
(1), the Registrar of the court shall, upon any   
person-

(*a*) making an application accompanied   
by such fee as may be determined   
from time to time by the Secretary to   
the Ministry of the Minister assigned   
the subject of Justice by Notification   
published in the *Gazette* and   
supplying the necessary stamps,   
furnish to such person copies of the   
judgment, decree or proceedings in   
an action or any part thereof; or

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| (*b*) making | an | application | and |

producing the necessary stamps,   
examine and certify to the correctness   
of any such copies made by such   
person:

Provided that, a person other than a party to   
a matrimonial action, an adoption application   
or a custody application shall not be entitled   
to obtain certified copies of any proceedings   
or documents ofsuch action or application,   
except the judgment, order or decree thereof:

Provided further that, upon being satisfied   
as to the requirement of an applicant who is   
not a party to such matrimonial action,   
adoption application or custody application,   
the court may direct the Registrar of such court   
to issue to such applicant, certified copies of   
theproceedings or documents of such action   
or application.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the   
contrary in section 76 of the Evidence   
Ordinance (Chapter 14) or any other written   
law, a document issued or transmitted   
electronically by a court shall be deemed for   
the purposes of authentication and verification,   
to have been signed, sealed and dated by court,   
where such document–

(*a*) if originally created in electronic   
 form, contains the electronic   
 signature and electronic seal of the   
 Registrar or such other officer   
 authorized by law to place the   
 signature together with his name   
 and official title, the electronic seal   
 of the court, and the date; or

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(*b*) if originally created in paper form   
 and converted into an electronic   
 copy in portable document format   
 (PDF) or by similar file converter   
 technology, contains the signature   
 and seal of the Registrar or such   
 other officer authorized by law to   
 place the signature, together with his   
 name and official title, the seal of   
 the court, and the date.”.

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| **3.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency |

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