

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

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**COCONUT DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971**

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*Presented by the Minister of Plantation Industries*  
 *on 19th of March, 2019*

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**[Bill No. 275]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) in order to appoint a Working Director to the Board.

*Clause 3:* This clause inserts a new section 2A in the principal enactment to provide for the matters relating to the Working Director and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

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L.D.—O. 28/2017   
 AN ACTTOAMENDTHE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT

ACT, NO. 46 OF 1971   
BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-  
 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Coconut Development Short title.

(Amendment) Act, No. of 2019.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 | Amendment |
| of 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) | | of Section 2 |
| of Act, No. |
| is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as | |
| 46 of 1971. |

follows:-

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| 10 | (1) | by the substitution in paragraph (ix), for the words |
| (2) | “the Board; and” of the words “the Board;”; and |
| by the insertion immediately after paragraph (ix) of |

that subsection, of the following new paragraph:- “(ix*a*) appoint a Working Director, in accordance with the provisions of section 15 2A, who shall not be a member of the Board; and”.

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| **3.** | The following new section is hereby inserted | Insertion of new section 2A in the  principal |
| immediately after section 2 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 2A of that enactment:- | |

enactment.

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| 20 | “Working | 2A. | (1) The Minister may appoint to any |
| Director of | Board established under the provisions of | |
| a Board. | section 2 of this Act, a Working Director from | |

among persons who have had wide experience   
in the area of coconut development.

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(2) The Working Director shall-

(*a*) be a full time officer;

(*b*) assist the Chairman in the promotion of the development 5 of coconut cultivation and marketing; and

(*c*) assist the Chairman in the   
 administration, management

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| 10 | and operation of the affairs of the Board including the co- |

ordination of the activities of   
the Board.

(3) The Minister may remove the Working Director from office after assigning reasons 15 therefor.

(4) The term of office of the Working   
Director shall be for a period of three years   
from the date of appointment and he shall be   
eligible for reappointment unless has been

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| 20 | removed from office as referred to in subsection (3). Such reappointment shall be for not more |

than one further term, whether consequent or   
not.

(5) The office of the Working Director shall

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| 25 | become vacant upon the death, removal from office under subsection (3) or resignation by |

letter in that behalf addressed to the Minister.

(6) Where the Working Director by reason of ill health, infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka 30 is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister shall appoint another member of the Board to act in his place.

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(7) The Working Director shall be paid   
such remuneration as may be specified in the   
relevant Public Enterprise Circulars issued by   
the Ministry of Finance.” .

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| 5 | **4.**  In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency.

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