

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

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**PEOPLE’S BANK (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the People’s Bank Act, No. 29 of 1961**

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*Presented by the Minister of Finance*  
 *on 24th of May, 2019*

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**[Bill No. 282]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 12 of the People’s Bank Act, No. 29 of 1961 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) by increasing the authorised capital of the Bank.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 20 of the principal enactment enabling the Bank to raise any sums by the issue of debentures.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 21 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 3.

*Clause 5* : This clause amends section 43 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 3.

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L.D.—O. 46/2013

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE PEOPLE'S BANK ACT, NO. 29 OF 1961

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

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the People's Bank | Short title. |

(Amendment) Act, No. of 2019.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 12 of the People's Bank Act, No. 29 of 1961 | Replacement |
| (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | | of section 12 |
| of the Act, |
| repealed and the following section substituted therefor:- | |
| No. 29 of |

1961.

“Capital. 12. (1) The authorized capital of the Bank shall be rupees fifty billion divided into one

10 billion shares of rupees fifty each.

(2) (*a*) The Minister may, in the interest of   
the national economy, where he deems it   
necessary, determine from time to time the paid-  
up capital of the Bank, by Order published in

15 the *Gezette*.

(*b*) Every Order made by the Minister,   
shall be brought before Parliament for   
approval.”.

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| 20 | **3.** | Section 20 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Replacement |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:- | | | of section 20 |
| of the |
| 25 | “The Bank to raise money  by the issue  of debentures | | 20. (1) The Bank may, in addition to the sums lent by the Government to the Bank under section 15(1)(*b*) for the purpose of granting | principal |
| enactment. |
| for granting | | long term or medium term loans, raise with the |
| medium term and long  term loans. | | approval of the Minister any sums by the issue of debentures. |

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(2) for the purpose of subsection (1)  
“Minister” means, the Minister assigned the   
subject of Finance.”.

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| 5 | **4.** | Section 21 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended, as follows:- | | of section 21 |
| of the |
| 10 | (1) | by the repeal of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) of | principal |
| enactment. |
| that section; and | |
| (2) | by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section. |
| Amendment |
| **5**. | Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| amended, by the repeal of paragraph (*c*) of subsection (2) of | | of section 43 |
| that section. | | of the |
| principal |

enactment.

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| **6**. | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text  to prevail in case of  inconsistency. |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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