

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

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**IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS**

**(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351)**

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*Presented by the Minister of Internal & Home Affairs and*   
*Provincial Councils & Local Government on 04th of September, 2019*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) and the legal effect of that clause is to increase the period of a visa and to make provisions for the Minister to determine the period of permanent residence visa.

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*(Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 24/2018

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE IMMIGRANTSAND EMIGRANTS ACT   
(CHAPTER 351)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Immigrants and Emigrants Short title. (Amendment) Act, No. of 2019.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act | Amendment |
| (Chapter 351) is hereby amended as follows:- | | of section 14 |
| of Chapter |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | 351. |

words, “two years,” of the words “five years,”;

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| 10 | (2) | in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the |
| words, “exceeding two years but not exceeding five |

years,” of the words “exceeding five years but not   
exceeding ten years,”; and

(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3)   
 thereof, of the following subsection:-

15 “(3A) (*a*) Notwithstanding the time limits specified in subsections (1) and (2), the period of permanent residence visa may be determined by the Minister.

(*b*) For the purpose of paragraph (*a*), 20 “permanent residence visa” means a visa granted under regulations made under this Act.”.

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

inconsistency.

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