

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

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**MARRIAGE REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Marriage Registration Ordinance**

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*Presented by the Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,*   
*M.P. for Matale District on 02nd of December 2020*

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| *Marriage Registration (Amendment)* | 1 |

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-  
 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Marriage Registration Short title.

(Amendment) Act, No. of 2020.

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| 5 | **2.** | The long title of the Marriage Registration Ordinance | Amendment |
| No. 19 of 1907 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal | | of the long |
| title of the |
| enactment”) is amended to remove the words “OTHER | |
| principal |
| THAN THE MARRIAGES OF MUSLIMS AND” therein. | |
| enactment. |
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| **3.** | In the Section 64 substitute the interpretation of | Substitute the |
| interpretation |
| “marriage” with the following :- “marriage” means, “any | |
| of “marriage” |
| marriage contracted under this ordinance between a man | |
| in the |
| and a woman who have reached the age of 18 and above”. | | Section 64 of |
| the principal |

enactment.

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| **4.** | 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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