

**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 Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing*   
*on 06th of September, 2021*

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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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| *Immigrants and Emigrants* | 1 |

*(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 :–

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| 5 | **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Immigrants and | Short title |
| Emigrants (Amendment) Act, No. of 2021. | | Amendment |
| **2.** | Section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act |
| (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,”;

(2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the

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| 10 | 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 “(3*A)* (*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*), “permanent

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| 20 | residence visa” means, a visa granted under | | Sinhala text |
| regulations made under this Act.”. | |
| **3.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency

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| 2 | *Immigrants and Emigrants* |

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