

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

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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**   
**(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979**

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*Presented by the Minister of Justice on 10th of March, 2022*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2*: This clause amends section 442 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision to issue one certified copy of the judgment or final order of the record to each of the parties to the case free of charge.

*Clause 3*: This clause amends section 443 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE CODEOF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE   
ACT, NO. 15 OF 1979

BEit 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 Code of Criminal | | Short title |
| Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. of 2022. | | Replacement of section  442 of Act,  No. 15 of  1979 |
| **2.** Section 442 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, | |
| 10 | No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal | |
| enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section is | |
| substituted therefor: - | |
| “Copies of a  judgment or  final order or any deposi- tion or other part of record | 442. If any person affected by a judgment or final order of a criminal court desires to have a copy of the judgment or the final order or any deposition or other part of the record, he shall on applying for such copy, be |

furnished therewith by the court, upon

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| 15 | payment therefor, of a fee determined from time to time by the Secretary to the Ministry |

of the Minister assigned the subject of Justice, by Notification published in the *Gazette,* unless the court for some special 20 reason thinks fit to furnish it free of cost:

Provided however, the complainant and   
every accused personof the respective case   
shall be furnished with one certified copy each,

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| 25 | of the judgment or final order of the record, free of cost.”. |

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| **3.** Section 443 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (*b*), by the substitution for the words | |
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| and figures “on payments made at the rates mentioned in | |
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| section 442” of the words and figures “subject to the | |
| enactment |
| provisions of section 442”. | |
| **4.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | | Sinhala text  to prevail in case of  inconsistency |
| and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

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