

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

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**SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2*: This clause amends section 8 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to allow any person to participate in a bidding process for the generation of electricity.

*Clause 3*: This clause amends section 9 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is -

(*a*) to allow any person to apply for the issue of a generation licence to generate electricity; and

(*b*) to take away the restriction imposed on a person to be eligible to apply for the issue of a generation licence to generate electricity over and above the generation capacity of 25 M.W. and also to allow any person to apply for the same without any demarcation on the generation capacity.

*Clause 4*: This clause amends section 43 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is -

(*a*) the repeal of subsection (3) thereof as an consequential amendment made in relation to the amendment made to subsection (1) of section 9; and

(*b*) to expand the application of the provisions of the proviso to any existing generation plant that is to be developed and also to rectify an omission in that subsection.

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE SRI LANKA ELECTRICITY   
ACT, NO. 20 OF 2009

BE it 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 Sri Lanka Electricity | Short title |

(Amendment) Act, No. of 2022.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 8 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of | | Replacement |
| 2009 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is | | | of section |
| 8 of Act, |
| hereby repealed and the following section substituted | | |
| No. 20 of |
| 10 | therefor:- | | | 2009 |
| “participating in a bidding  process for | | 8. Any person may participate in a bidding process for the generation of electricity.”. |

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| **3.** | Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of section 9 of the  principal  enactment |
| amended as follows:-  (1) by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the | |

substitution therefor of the following:-

15 “(1) Any person shall be eligible to apply for the issue of a generation licence to generate electricity.”; and

(2) by the repeal of subsection (1A) thereof.

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| 20 | **4.** | Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended as follows:- | | of section 43 |
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| (1) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof ; and | | principal |
| enactment |

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(2) in the proviso to subsection (4) thereof-

(*a*) by the substitution for the words “any existing generation plant that is being developed:”, of the words “any existing generation plant that is being 5 developed or to be developed:-”; and

(*b*) in paragraph (*a*) thereof by the substitution for the   
words “to be operated at least cost;”, of the words  
“to be operated at least cost; or”.

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| 10 | **5.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | to prevail in |
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| inconsistency |

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