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**SRI LANKA**

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**NOTARIES (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Notaries Ordinance (Chapter 107)**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause replaces section 3 of the Notaries Ordinance (Chapter 107) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to require an Attorney-at-Law to have minimum of ten years of consecutive practice as a notary before issuing a certificate.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 12 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the value of the security bond.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 13 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the fine.

*Clause 5* : This clause amends section 20 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to exclude opinion of the Minister in respect of cancellation of warrant of a convicted notary.

*Clause 6* : This clause amends section 21 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to exclude the age factor in determining the incapacity of a notary and to increase the fine.

*Clause 7* : This clause amends section 24 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the fine.

*Clause 8* : This clause amends section 28 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enhance the scope of this section.

*Clause 9* : This clause amends section 31 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enhance the scope of this section.

*Clause 10* : This clause amends section 34 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enhance the scope of this section.

*Clause 11* : This clause amends section 38 of the principal enactment by increasing the penalty.

*Clause 12* : This clause amends section 39 of the principal enactment and is consequen-tial to the amendment made in clause 9.

*Clause 13* : This clause amends section 41 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the penalty.

*Clause 14* : This clause amends section 43 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to include a new definition relating to the Council of Legal Education.

*Clause 15* : This clause amends the Second Schedule to the principal enactment and enhances the scope of the Second Schedule.

*Clause 16* : The provisions of this clause are consequential to the amendments made by the above clauses.

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L.D.—O. 24/2014

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE NOTARIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 107)

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 Notaries (Amendment) | Short title |

Act, No. of 2022.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 3 of the Notaries Ordinance (Chapter 107) | | Replacement |
| 10 | (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | | | of section 3 |
| of Chapter |
| repealed and the following section substituted therefor:- | | |
| 107 |
| “Attorneys-at-law,  qualified for admission as notaries | | 3. Every attorney-at-law who has passed the examination conducted by the Council of Legal Education in conveyancing, after his admission as such attorney-at-law and who |

has obtained a certificate substantially in Form B1 set out in the Second Schedule hereto, from an attorney-at-law who has been in active 15 practice as a notary for a consecutive period of at least ten years to the effect that such attorney-at-law has learnt notarial work for a period of one year and is fully acquainted with conveyancing practices, rules and guidelines 20 specified in or under this Ordinance shall be entitled, on an application to a warrant authorizing him to practice as notary in the language in which he has passed the examination in conveyancing, within the

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| 25 | judicial zone in which he resides.”. | | Amendment |
| **3.** | Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby |
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| amended in paragraph (*b*) of subsection (1) thereof, by the | |
| of the |
| substitution for the words “amount of two thousand rupees,” | |
| principal |
| of the words “amount of fifty thousand rupees”. | |
| enactment |

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| 5 | 2 | *Notaries (Amendment)* | Amendment |
| **4.** | Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| amended by the substitution for the words “to a fine not less | | of section 13 |
| of the |
| than ten thousand rupees”, of the words “to a fine not less | |
| principal |
| than twenty-five thousand rupees”. | |
| enactment |
| **5.** | Section 20 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended by the substitution for the words “which, in the | | of section 20 |
| of the |
| opinion of the Minister”, of the words, “under this Ordinance, | |
| principal |
| which”. | |
| enactment |
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| **6.** | Section 21 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended as follows:- | | of section 21 |
| of the |
| (*a*) in paragraph (*e*) of subsection (1) thereof, by the | | principal |
| enactment |

substitution for the words “incompetence, age”, of   
the word “incompetence”; and

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| 15 | (*b*) in subsection (4) thereof, by the substitution for the words “to a fine not less than two thousand five |

hundred rupees” of the words “to a fine not less than   
ten thousand rupees”.

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| 20 | **7.** | Section 24 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended by the substitution for the words “to a fine not less | | of section 24 |
| of the |
| than ten thousand rupees and not exceeding fifty thousand | |
| principal |
| rupees” of the words “to a fine not less than one hundred | |
| enactment |

thousand rupees and not exceeding five hundred thousand rupees”.

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| 25 | **8.** | Section 28 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (1) | | of section 28 |
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| of that section of the following subsection: - | |
| principal |

enactment “(1A) Every notary shall annex to such application an   
 affidavit to the effect that such notary has forwarded the   
 duplicates of all deeds or instruments attested by him in the   
30 previous year, to the Registrar of Lands.”.

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| *Notaries (Amendment)* | | 3 | Amendment of section 31 of the  principal  enactment |
| **9.** | Section 31 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended as follows:-  (1) by the substitution for the rule (3) thereof, of the | | |

following: -

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| 5 | “Signature | (3) He shall not require, permit, or |
| not to be |
| suffer any executant or any witness to |
| taken on |
| any deed or instrument executed or to |
| blank papers |
| 10 | or | be executed before him to sign the name |
| incomplete |
| of such executant or witness or make a |
| forms |
| mark or to affix the left or right thumb |

impression or any other finger   
impression or toe impression of such   
executant or witness, as the case may   
be, to or acknowledge any such deed or

15 instrument or any duplicate or other part thereof or any draft or copy thereof intended to be preserved in his protocol, or to sign the name or make the mark or to affix the left or right thumb 20 impression or any other finger impression or toe impression of such executant or witness, as the case may be, upon any paper or other material intended to be afterwards used for any 25 such purpose, until the whole of such deed or instrument shall have been written or engrossed thereon, and in any event no signature or affixing of the left or right thumb impression or any

30 other finger impression or toe impression of such executant or witness, as the case may be, shall be obtained for any deed or instrument on a blank paper or in any incomplete form.”.

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(2) by the substitution for the rule (4) thereof, of the following:-

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| 5 | “Material on | (4) He shall not authenticate or attest |
| which deeds | any deed or instrument unless the same |
| may be | is written, typed or printed on durable |
| written |
| parchment paper or blue sheet.”. |

(3) by the substitution for the rule (5) thereof, of the following:-

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| 10 | “Deeds to be | (5) (*a*) He shall authenticate or | | | |
| written on | attest | any | deed | or |
| divided or | instrument which is written | | | |
| 15 | undivided |
| on one entire undivided | | | |
| paper |
| parchment paper or blue | | | |
| sheet; or | | | |
| (*b*) where he uses two or more | | | |
| separate sheets of paper, he | | | |
| shall- | | | |

(i) number every page;

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| 20  25  30 | (ii) place his signature  on each such paper;  and | |
| (iii) cause | every |
| executant, holder of  power of attorney, or  authorized person of  a corporate body, as  the case may be, to  place his signature  and affix left or right  thumb impression or  any other finger  impression or toe  impression to each | |

such paper.”.

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(4) by the insertion, immediately after rule (7) thereof, of the following new rule: -

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| 5 | “Stamping of | (7A) (*a*) Notwithstanding anything |
| document | to the contrary in this |
| relating to a |
| Ordinance or any other |
| transfer, a |
| written law, any stamp duty |
| gift or |
| exchange | which is required to be paid |

in respect of any deeds or   
instruments relating to a

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| 10 | transfer, a gift or exchange  executed under any written |

law, shall be paid by the   
notary.

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| 15 | (*b*) The | original | receipt |
| received by the notary as  the proof of such payment, | | |

from the relevant State bank shall be affixed to the duplicate of the deed or 20 instrument.

(*c*) The copies of such receipt   
shall be affixed to the   
original and the protocol of   
such deed or instrument.”.

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| 25 | (5) in rule (9) thereof, by the substitution for the words,“He shall not authenticate or attest any deed or |

instrument unless the person executing the same be known to him or to at least two of the attesting witnesses thereto;” of the words “He shall not 30 authenticate or attest any deed or instrument unless all of the executants to the deed or instrument or the two attesting witnesses be known to notary or by the identity of the executants to a deed or instrument is established by such notary by inspection of the

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| 35 | national identity card, bio-page of the passport or the driving licence of such executants;”; |

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(6) by the substitution for the rule (14) thereof, of the following: -

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| 5 | “Full names | (14) He shall, before any party or |
| of parties and | witness signs or affixes the left or right |
| witnesses to |
| thumb impression or any other finger |
| be |
| ascertained | impression or toe impression, ascertain |

the full name of such party or witness and if a party to any deed or instrument is a corporate body cause to be affixed 10 the seal of the corporate body and obtain the signature of the board of directors or any person authorized by the board by resolution to sign such deed or instrument and, if the name of 15 such party or witness differs from the name given in the identification documents of party or witness, he shall, in his attestation of such deed or instrument, describe such party or 20   
 witness by such name and by the name written in the signature. Where the executant is a body corporate, he shall attach a copy of the board resolution authorizing the executant to sign such 25 deed or instrument to the protocol of such deed or instrument.”.

(7) by the insertion, immediately after rule (15) thereof, of the following new rule: -

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| 30 | “Notary to | (15A) Where a deed or instrument is |
| obtain an | signed by a holder of a power of |
| affidavit |
| attorney, the notary shall, obtain an |
| from the |
| 35 | attorney at | affidavit from such attorney to the |
| the time of | effect that the Power of Attorney is |
| execution of |
| genuine and in force and the grantor of |
| a deed or |
| such Power of Attorney is alive at the |
| instrument |
| time of execution.”. |

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(8) in rule (16)–

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “the assessment number and the name, if any, of the street in which it is 5 situated.”, of the following: -

“the assessment number and the name, if any, of the street in which it is situated and in the case of a condominium property, where the condominium parcel can be identified, the 10 description of such condominium parcel and other elements, and where the condominium parcel cannot be identified, the whole land or the land parcel.”; and

(*b*) in paragraph (*b*) thereof, by the substitution 15 for the words from “which it is a share: Provided, however” to the end of that paragraph of the words “which it is a share.”;

(9) (*a*) by the repeal of paragraph (*b*) of rule (17) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following:-

20 “(*b*) (i) he shall obtain from the Registrar of the relevant Land Registry the certified extract of the folio containing the last entry pertaining to such land or immovable property containing the

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| 25 | ownership and the registered encumbrances relating to such land |

or immovable property;

(ii) he shall, if any previous deed has been   
registered write in ink or print at the

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| 30 | head of the deed the number of the volume and the folio in which the |

previous deed has been registered; and

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(iii) in the case of a deed of transfer or a deed of gift, or deed of exchange he shall affix to the original of such deed or instrument passport size certified 5 photographs of the parties, to which the notary has affixed his seal and shall keep copies of such national identity card, passport or driving licence attached to the protocol;”;

10 (*b*) by the addition, immediately after paragraph (*b*) thereof, of the following new paragraphs: -

“(*c*) he shall write at the head of the deed his full name, number assigned to the notary, address of his office and telephone 15 number. If he is a legal officer working in any organization, entity or company, he shall specify the registered address of such organization, entity or company;

(*d*) if a party to any deed or instrument is a 20 corporate body he shall retain a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation or other instrument establishing such corporate entityand details of board of directors; and

25 (*e*) in the case of a deed in relation to a trust, he shall, state the names, addresses and national identity card numbers of trustees who are acting under a Trust Deed and the section of such Trust Deed under 30 which they are empowered to execute the deed, in the attestation, and retain a copy of the trust deed.”;

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(10) in rule (20) thereof,–

(*a*) by the repeal of paragraph (*b*) thereof, and   
 the substitution therefor of the following:-

“(*b*) whether the executants of the said deed 5 or instrument are known to him or whether he has identified them by the inspection of the national identity card, bio-page of the passport or driving licence or whether the witnesses thereto 10   
 are known to him and in the latter case he shall specify which of the executants or the person acknowledging are known to the said witness”;

(*b*) by the repeal of paragraph (*e*) thereof, and

15 the substitution therefor, of the following:-

“(*e*) whether any money was paid or not in his presence as consideration or part of the consideration of the deed or instrument, and if paid, the actual 20 amount in local currency of such payment and if the payment is made by cheque, pay order, bank draft or a banker’s cheque the details of such instrument shall be set out in the 25 attestation, in proof of such payment.”; and

(*c*) in paragraph (*g*) thereof, by the substitution   
for the words “affixed thereto.” of the words  
“affixed thereto; and”;

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(*d*) by the addition, immediately after paragraph   
 (*g*) thereof, the following new paragraph: -

“(*h*) in case of a will–

(i) set out in the attestation of the

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| 5 | will that the testator was in good and sound mind to execute the |

will; and

(ii) enter in the deed register maintained by him, the number 10 assigned to such will, the date and the name of the testator.”;

(11) by the repeal of rule (27) thereof;

(12) by the substitution in rule (30) thereof, from the words “he shall preserve a true copy of the registered power 15 of attorney with his protocol” to the end of that rule, of the words “he shall annex a certified copy of the power of attorney obtained from Registrar General to the original, and true copies to the duplicate and the protocol thereof.”;

20 (13) by the insertion, immediately after rule (30) thereof, of the following new rule:-

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| 25 | “Submission | (30A) (1) It shall be the duty of every |
| of a deed or | notary to submit for registration to the |
| instrument |
| Registrar, every deed or instrument |
| for |
| registration | attested by him before the expiry of |
| thirty days from the date of attestation |

thereof:

Provided that, where such deed or   
instrument is required to be registered

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| 30 | outside the jurisdiction in which he is practicing, he shall submit such deed |

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or instrument for registration before the   
expiry of sixty days from the date of   
attestation.

(2) In computing the periods stated in this

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| 5 | subsection, Saturdays, Sundays and Public | | | Replacement |
| Holidays shall be excluded.”. | | |
| **10.** | Section 34 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| 10 | repealed and the following section substituted therefor:- | | | of section 34 |
| of the |
| “Penalty for | | 34. (1) Every notary who acts in violation | principal |
| enactment |
| breaches of rules in | | of or disregards or neglects to observe- |
| section 31 | | (*a*) rules (1), (31) or (32) set out in |

section 31, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a 15 fine not exceeding five thousand rupees, in addition to any civil liability he may incur thereby;

(*b*) rules (2), (3),(6),(7),(11),(18),(21),(23), (24) or (30A) set out in section 31, shall 20 be guilty of an offence, and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand rupees, in addition to any civil liability he may 25 incur thereby; or

(*c*) any other rule set out in section 31, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine 30 not exceeding fifty thousand rupees, in addition to any civil liability he may incur thereby.

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(2) Where a notary acts in violation of or disregards or neglects to observe the provisions of rule (26) set out in section 31 the Registrar- General may, by a written notice served on him 5 personally or sent by registered post, call upon such notary to comply with the requirements of the said rule within such further period of time as he may specify in such notice for such purpose. In the event of such notary failing to

10 comply with the terms of such notice, the Minister may, on application made in that behalf by the Registrar-General, suspend the notary from his office as notary.

(3) A notary, whose license is suspended 15 shall not attest any deed or instrument, from the date of receipt of the notice of such suspension.

(4) The Registrar-General shall, forthwith   
notify the Registrars of Land and the registrars

20 of the High Courts, District Courts and the Magistrates’ Courts, requiring such registrars to display a copy of the notice of such suspension in the relevant land registry or courts’ premises.

25 (5) A notary who fails to submit the duplicates within the time specified in the notice of suspension, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction after a summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not

30 exceeding five hundred thousand rupees and the Minister may, on application made in that behalf by the Registrar-General, cancel the license of such notary.”.

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| 5 | *Notaries (Amendment)* | | 13 | Amendment |
| **11.** | Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for | | | of section 38 |
| the words “not exceeding twenty five thousand rupees” of | | | of the |
| principal |
| the words “not exceeding fifty thousand rupees”. | | |
| enactment |
| **12.** | Section 39 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment |
| amended as follows:- | | | of section 39 |
| of the |
| (1) by the substitution, in paragraph (*c*) thereof for the | | | principal |
| 10 | enactment |
| words,“signature or mark” of the words “signature, | | |
| and the left or right thumb impression or any other | | |
| finger impression or toe impression, as the case may | | |

be”; and

(2) by the substitution, for the words “for any period not exceeding five years.” of the words “for any period not exceeding ten years, or be liable to a fine

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| 15 | of rupees one hundred thousand or both such fine and imprisonment, and to pay such compensation to |

the person who has suffered any damage or loss as a   
result of such action of the notary specified in   
paragraphs (*a*) to (*g*) as may be determined by the

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| 20 | court.”. | | Amendment |
| **13.** | Section 41 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| 25 | amended in subsection (1) thereof by the substitution for | | of section 41 |
| the words “twelve calendar months, or to a fine not less than | | of the |
| principal |
| two thousand rupees and not exceeding five thousand rupees | |
| enactment |
| or to both.”, of the words “two years, or to a fine not less than | |
| five thousand rupees and not exceeding fifty thousand rupees, | |

or to both.”.

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| 30 | **14.** | Section 43 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended by the insertion of the following definition | | of section 43 |
| immediately before the definition of expression “High Court | | of the |
| principal |
| Judge”:- | |
| enactment |

“ “Council of Legal Education” shall have the same meaning as assigned to it by section 2 of the Council of the Legal Education Ordinance (Chapter 276);”.

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| 5 | 14 | *Notaries (Amendment)* | Amendment |
| **15.**  The Second Schedule to the principal enactment is  hereby amended as follows:– | |
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| (1) by the insertion immediately after Form B thereof, of the following new form which shall have effect as Form BI of the principal enactment:- | | Second |
| Schedule to |
| the principal |
| enactment |

[Section 3]

“Form B1

I, ………………… Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public of   
the Judicial Zone of ………………., do hereby certify that I   
have commenced practicing as a Notary on…………………….   
and have been in active practice for a consecutive period of   
ten years and that Mr/Mrs/Ms…………………….. Attorney-  
at-Law has pursued his studies under me on notarial practice   
for a period of one year since…………………..

Date ……………………….

……………………….

(signature)   
Attorney-at-Law and Notary Public   
( Imprint of the Seal)”;

(2) by the repeal of Form E of that Schedule, and the substitution therefor, of the following form: -

[Section 31(21)]

“FORM E

Form of Attestation

I, Notary Public of ………………………………… (Address   
of Notary Public) in the Judicial Zone of............ do hereby   
certify and attest that the foregoing instrument having been   
read over by (or, read and explained by) me, the said notary,   
to the said executants (names) holders of (national identity   
card / passport, driving license), who have signed this deed   
(illegibly/ as Juvanis, as the case may be,) and affixed their   
(thumb of left/right hand or any other finger or toe) impression   
in the presence of (insert the names of the witnesses in full   
and the addresses) holder of the National Identity Card No…..   
, the subscribing witnesses hereto, and who signed (illegibly/   
as ……., as the case may be,) respectively, and affixed their

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(thumb of left/right hand or any other finger or toe) impression   
and the same was signed by the said executants, the said   
witnesses and also by me the said Notary, in my presence and   
in the presence of one another, all being present at the same   
time on the …………………..day of …………………at  
……………………

And I certify that the (executant …… is known to me/   
witnesses are known to me/ I have checked their identity by   
the inspection of their (national identity card / passport,   
driving license) and prior to the execution of the foregoing   
instrument, I have inspected the identity card/ passport/ driving   
licence of the executant/s.

And I further certify and attest that I have affixed hereto   
recent photographs of the executants to the original of the   
deed or instrument and that (in the case of a transfer or a gift)   
the stamp duty to the value of *Rs.*………(*Rs.* in figures) was   
paid to the credit of the ……….Provincial Council in the   
State Bank of …………………. in proof of which the original   
of such stamp duty paying in slip No. …………… dated... is   
affixed to the duplicate of this instrument and, copies are   
affixed to the original and the protocol / (in all other cases)   
the original of this instrument bears ………..stamps of the   
value of Rs…….. and the duplicate …….stamps of the value   
of Rs…………..

And I further certify that the withinmentioned consideration   
(was paid in my presence by the Purchaser to the Vendor /   
Lessee to the Lessor, or was not paid in my presence. However   
the Vendor/Lessor acknowledges the receipt of the said   
consideration from the Purchaser/Lessee prior to the execution   
hereof).

(in case of a will) And I further certify and attest that the   
testator was in good and sound mind to execute the will. And   
I further certify and attest that on page…… in line….. the   
word/letter ............ was erased and written over in ink/deleted   
prior to the execution hereof.

And I have annexed a certified copy of the registered Power   
of Attorney to the original, and true copies to the duplicate   
and protocol of this deed. (in case of Power of Attorney)

And I also certify that I have renewed my licence for the   
year/ I have applied for renewal of the licence for the current   
year.

Date: ……………………

………………………….

(signature)   
Notary Public   
(Imprint of the Seal)”.

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| 16 | *Notaries (Amendment)* | Avoidance of doubt |
| **16.** | For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared |
| that the provisions of this Act shall- | |

(*a*) not affect any deed or instrument lawfully executed prior to the date of commencement of this Act and 5 pending registration in accordance with the provisions of Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117);

(*b*) not derogate from the powers of any Provincial Council to levy or recover any stamp duty on any

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| 10 | instrument or deed executed prior to the date of commencement of this Act; |

(*c*) not affect any action or suit pending before a court of law or any decision of a court of law given prior to the date of commencement of this Act.

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| 15 | **17.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the | Sinhala text |
| Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall | | to prevail in |
| case of |
| prevail. | |
| inconsistency |

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