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**SRI LANKA**

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**AYURVEDA (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Ayurveda Act, No. 31 of 1961**

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 AN ACTTOAMENDTHE AYURVEDA ACT, NO. 31 OF 1961

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -  
 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Ayurveda (Amendment) Short title Act, No. of 2023.

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| 5 | **2.** The long title of the Ayurveda Act, No. 31 of 1961 | | | | | | | | | Replacement of |
| the Long Title |
| (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | | | | | | | | |
| to Act, No. 31 |
| 10 | repealed and the following long title is substituted therefor: - | | | | | | | | | of 1961 |
| “AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT | | | | | | | | |
| OF A DEPARTMENT OF AYURVEDA; FOR THE | | | | | | | | |
| REGISTRATION | | | OF | AYURVEDA | | HOSPITALS, | | |
| AYURVEDA | | PHARMACIES, | | | | AYURVEDA | | |
| DISPENSARIES, AYURVEDA STORES, HERBAL | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | CULTIVATIONS AND HERBAL GARDENS FOR | | | | | | | | |
| RESEARCH | | AND | | EXTENTION; | | FOR | | THE |
| ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AYURVEDA MEDICAL | | | | | | | | |
| COUNCIL TO REGISTER AYURVEDA PRACTITIONERS, | | | | | | | | |
| AYURVEDA PHARMACISTS, AYURVEDA NURSES AND | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | AYURVEDA MASSEURS AND MASSEUSES AND TO | | | | | | | | |
| DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THEIR | | | | | | | | |
| PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT; FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT | | | | | | | | |
| OF AN AYURVEDA EDUCATION AND HOSPITAL | | | | | | | | |
| BOARD TO DISCHARGE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | RELATION TO THE AWARD OF DIPLOMAS, | | | | | | | | |
| CERTIFICATES, DEGREES AND POSTGRATUATE | | | | | | | | |
| DEGREES, IN RELATION TO THE EDUCATION AND | | | | | | | | |
| TRAINING IN AYURVEDA; AND TO DEAL WITH | | | | | | | | |
| MATTERS RELATING TO THE AYURVEDA NATIONAL | | | | | | | | |
| 30 | HOSPITAL, AYURVEDA TEACHING HOSPITALS, | | | | | | | | |
| AYURVEDA RESEARCH HOSPITALS AND THE | | | | | | | | |
| PHARMACIES, HERBARIA AND DISPENSARIES | | | | | | | | |
| ATTACHED THERETO; FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF | | | | | | | | |
| AN AYURVEDA RESEARCH COMMITTEE TO | | | | | | | | |
| 35 | DISCHARGE CERTAIN FUNCTIONS IN RELATION TO | | | | | | | | |
| RESEARCH IN AYURVEDA; TO REPEAL THE | | | | | | | | |
| INDIGENOUS MEDICINE ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 106) | | | | | | | | |
| AND | THE | AYURVEDA | | | MEDICAL | | COUNCIL | |
| ORDINANCE | | (CHAPTER | | | 279); | TO | | MAKE |

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CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENTS IN THE MEDICAL

ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 105), THE POISONS, OPIUM AND

DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 218), AND

THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT ( CHAPTER 216); AND TO 5 PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR INCIDENTAL THERETO.”.

**3.** (1) In the principal enactment and in any other written General law, there shall be substituted for the words the Amendments

“Commissioner for Ayurveda”, “Ayurvedic Medical 10 Council”, “Ayurvedic hospitals”, “Ayurvedic pharmacy”, “Ayurvedic pharmacies”, “ayurvedic dispensary”, “ayurvedic dispensaries”, “ayurvedic store” , “ayurvedic stores”, “ayurvedic practitioners”, “ayurvedic pharmacists”,

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| 15 | “ayurvedic nurses”, “the Central Hospital of Ayurveda” and the “Ayurvedic Research Committee” of the words |

“Commissioner-General for Ayurveda”, “Ayurveda Medical Council”, “Ayurveda hospitals”, “Ayurveda pharmacy”, “Ayurveda pharmacies”, “Ayurveda dispensary”, “Ayurveda dispensaries”, “Ayurveda store” , “Ayurveda stores”, 20 “Ayurveda practitioners”, “Ayurveda pharmacists”, “Ayurveda nurses”, “the Ayurveda National Hospital” and the “Ayurveda Research Committee”, respectively.

(2) Every reference to the “Commissioner for Ayurveda”, “Ayurvedic Medical Council”, “Ayurvedic hospitals”, 25 “Ayurvedic pharmacy”, “Ayurvedic pharmacies”, “ayurvedic dispensary”, “ayurvedic dispensaries”, “ayurvedic store” , “ayurvedic stores”, “ayurvedic practitioners”, “ayurvedic pharmacists”, “ayurvedic nurses”, “the Central Hospital of Ayurveda” and the “Ayurvedic 30 Research Committee” , appearing in any notice, notification or other document shall be read and construed as a reference to the “Commissioner-General for Ayurveda”, “Ayurveda Medical Council”, “Ayurveda hospitals”, “Ayurveda pharmacy”, “Ayurveda pharmacies”, “Ayurveda

35 dispensary”, “Ayurveda dispensaries”, “Ayurveda store” , “Ayurveda stores”, “Ayurveda practitioners”, “Ayurveda

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pharmacists”, “Ayurveda nurses”, “the Ayurveda National Hospital” and the “Ayurveda Research Committee”, respectively.

(3) Every reference to the “Commissioner” in sections 3, 5 4, 6,8, 9,10, 11, 13, 15, 22, 23, 24, 26, 33, 34, 35, 37, and 75 in the principal enactment shall be read and construed as a reference to “the Commissioner-General of Ayurveda”.

(4) Every reference to the “Council” in sections 11 to 21, 42, 50 to 63, 71 and 81 in the principal enactment shall be 10 read and construed as a reference to “the Ayurveda Medical Council”.

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| 15 | **4.** Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended | Amendment of |
| in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words, | section 3 of the |
| principal |
| “Deputy Commissioners for Ayurveda,” of the words |
| enactment |
| “Additional Commissioner-Generals for Ayurveda, |

Commissioners for Ayurveda, Deputy Commissioners for Ayurveda,”.

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| 20 | **5.** Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended | Amendment of |
| by the substitution for the words, “Deputy Commissioners |
| section 4 of the |
| for Ayurveda,” of the words “Additional Commissioner- | principal |
| Generals for Ayurveda, Commissioners for Ayurveda, | enactment |

Deputy Commissioners for Ayurveda,”.

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| 25 | **6.** Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby amended | Amendment of |
| by the substitution for the words, “Deputy Commissioners | section 5 of the |
| principal |
| for Ayurveda,” of the words “Additional Commissioner- |
| enactment |
| Generals for Ayurveda, Commissioners for Ayurveda, |

Deputy Commissioners for Ayurveda,”.

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| 30 | **7.** Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed | | Replacement of |
| and the following section is substituted therefor: - | | section 7 of the |
| principal |
| “Objects of the | 7. The objects of the Act shall be - | enactment |
| Act | |

(*a*) the provision of establishments and   
services necessary for the treatment of

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diseases, and generally for the preservation   
and promotion of the health of people   
according to ayurveda;

(*b*) the encouragement of the study of, and 5 research in, ayurveda by the grant of scholarships and other facilities to persons employed or proposed to be employed in the Department and by the grant of financial aid and other assistance to

10 institutions providing courses of study or engaged in research in ayurveda;

(*c*) the taking, development or encouragement of measures for the investigation of diseases, and for the improvement of 15 public health, according to ayurveda;

(*d*) the management of any herbarium   
 established under section 8;

(*e*) the provision for the wellbeing of people   
by creating and maintaining orderly and

20 efficient practices of Ayurveda medicine and surgery;

(*f*) the assurance of high professional standards by regulating performance and activities of registered Ayurveda 25 professionals;

(*g*) the provision of quality Ayurveda articles, substances, and drugs and the management of any Herbal Gardens for Research and Extension or herbal cultivation by 30 implementing provisions of the Code referred to in section 77 by the Department

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or through any Body established under

Part VI of the Act for that purpose.”.

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| 5 | **8.** The following new section is hereby inserted | | Insertion of |
| immediately after section 7 of the principal enactment and | | new section 7A |
| in the principal |
| shall have effect as section 7A:- | |
| enactment |
| “Utilization of moneys  granted from  the | 7A. (1) The moneys granted from the Consolidated Fund from time to time shall be utilized in carrying out the objects of the Act. |

Consolidated

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| 10 | Fund and | (2) All such sums of money as may be |
| crediting of |
| received, levied, or collected under this Act by |
| moneys to the |
| Consolidated | way of fees or otherwise in carrying out the |
| Fund | objects specified in the Act and in the discharge |

of the functions of the Department shall be

credited to the Consolidated Fund.”.

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| 15 | **9.**  Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, | Amendment of |
| by the substitution for the words, “Ayurvedic hospitals” of | section 8 of the |
| principal |
| the words “Ayurveda hospitals, Herbal Gardens for Research |
| enactment |

and Extension”.

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| 20 | **10.** Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| section 10 of |
| amended, by the substitution for the words, “Ayurvedic |
| the principal |
| hospitals”, wherever those words appear, of the words |
| enactment |

“Ayurveda hospitals, herbal cultivation,”.

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| 25 | **11.** Section 11 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| section 11 of |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof, as follows: - | |
| the principal |
| (1) | by the substitution for paragraph (*b*), of the | enactment |

following:-

“(*b*) the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous

Medicine of the University of Colombo,

Sri Lanka, and the Head of the faculty of

30 Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha

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| 6 | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | | of |
| Wickramarachchi | University |

Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, and the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and the 5 Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka;”;

(2) by the substitution for paragraph (*c*), of the   
 following:-

“(*c*) five members including one Senior 10 Lecturer elected by each unit or Institution of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the Divisions of Ayurveda and Unani of University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of 15   
 Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, and the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka,

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| 20 | (3) | from among themselves;”; |
| by the substitution for subparagraph (i) of paragraph |

(*f*) of the following:-

“(i) not more than three shall be so appointed   
 from among persons representing the fields

25 of legal, administrative and accountancy who are not registered ayurveda practitioners; and”;

(4) by the addition, immediately after paragraph (*f*), the   
 following new paragraph:-

30 “(*g*) one member shall be so appointed as nominated by the Secretary to the Ministry

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of the Minister assigned the subject of   
Finance or Treasury, as the case may   
be .”.

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| 5 | **12.** Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words, commencing from | section 12 of |
| “Each member of the Council” to “or reappointment:” of | the principal |
| the following:- | enactment |

“Each member of the Council other than the Commissioner-General and the Head of the Faculty of 10 Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, and the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and 15 the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, shall, unless he vacates office earlier, hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election or reappointment, as the case may be:”.

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| 20 | **13.** Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Replacement of |
| section 13 of |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - | |
| the principal |
| “Vacation of office by  members of | 13. (1) A member of the Council, other than the Commissioner-General, the Head of | enactment |
| the Council | the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the |

University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Head

25 of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of

Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of

Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of

the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of

Jaffna, Sri Lanka and the Head of the Unit of

30 Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri

Lanka, shall be deemed to have vacated office-

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(*a*) where he is not a public officer,   
 on sending his resignation in   
 writing to the President of the   
 Council; and

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| 5 | (*b*) | where he is not a public officer, |

on being absent without excuse   
sufficient in the opinion of the   
Council, from three consecutive   
meetings of the Council.

10 (2) The Commissioner-General shall be deemed to have vacated office as a member of the Council on his ceasing to hold office as the Commissioner-General.

(3) The Head of the Faculty of Indigenous 15 Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of 20   
 University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka or the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as the case may be, shall be deemed to have vacated office as a member of the Council on him ceasing to hold office as 25 the Head of any of the aforesaid respective Institutions as the case may be.”.

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| **14.** Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words, “shall be six.”, of the words “shall be thirteen.”. | Amendment of section 16 of  the principal  enactment |

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| *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | 9 | Amendment of section 18 of  the principal |
| **15.** Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- | |

enactment (1) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (*d*)   
 thereof, the following new paragraph:-

5 “(*da*) the registration of persons as Ayurveda Masseurs or Masseuses.”;

(2) in paragraph (*e*) thereof, by the substitution for the   
 words, “registration; and” of the words,  
 “registration;”;

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| 10 | (3) | in paragraph (*f*) thereof, in subparagraph (i), by the |

substitution for the words “and ayurvedic nurses;   
and” of the words “and Ayurveda nurses, and   
Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses; and”.

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| 15 | **16.** Section 22 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| section 22 of |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof, as follows:- | |
| the principal |
| (1) | by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (*a*), | enactment |

the following new paragraph:-

“(*aa*) a representative of the Secretary to the   
Ministry of Finance or Secretary to the

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| 20 | (2) | Treasury;”; |
| by the substitution for paragraph (*b*), of the |

following:-

“(*b*) the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, 25 Sri Lanka, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous

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Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit   
of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna,   
Sri Lanka and the Head of the Unit of Siddha   
Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka;”;

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| 5 | (3) | by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (*b*), |

the following new paragraph:-

“(*ba*) the Head of the National Institute of   
 Traditional Medicine;”;

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| 10 | (4) | by the substitution for paragraph (*c*), of the |
| following:- |

“(*c*) the Head of the Ayurveda National   
 Hospital;”;

(5) by the substitution for paragraph (*d*), of the   
 following:-

15 “(*d*) an officer of the rank of a Senior Assistant Secretary or of a higher rank of the Ministry of Higher Education appointed by the Minister on recommendation of the Minister assigned the subject of Higher Education;”;

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| 20 | (6) | by the substitution for paragraph (*e*), of the |

following:-

“(*e*) five members appointed by the Minister from among the lecturers of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of 25 Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Unit of Siddha

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Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka   
and the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern

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| University, | Sri | Lanka, | on | the |

recommendation of the Minister assigned

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| 5 | (7) | the subject of Higher Education;”; |
| by the substitution for paragraph (*f*) of the |

following:-

“(*f*) five members, other than the members appointed under paragraph (*e*), elected by 10 the lecturers of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Unit

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| 15 | of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka and Unit of Siddha Medicine of |

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, from among   
themselves;”;

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| 20 | (8) | in paragraph (*i*), by the substitution for the words |
| (9) | “Congress; and” of the words “Congress;”; |
| in paragraph (*j*), by the substitution for the words |

“Ayurvedic practitioners.” of the words “Ayurveda   
practitioners; and”;

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| 25 | (10) | by the addition, immediately after paragraph (*j*) |
| thereof, the following new paragraph:- |

“(*k*) one member not below the rank of a Senior   
Assistant Secretary appointed by the   
Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to   
whom the subject of Finance is assigned.”.

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| 30 | **17.** Section 23 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words from “Each | section 23 of |
| the principal |
| member of the Board” to “or reappointment:” of the |
| enactment |
| following: - |

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“Each member of the Board, other than the Commissioner-General, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine

5 of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Ayurveda National Hospital 10 and the Head of the National Institute of Traditional Medicine, shall, unless such member vacates his office earlier, hold office for a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-election or reappointment, as the case may be:”.

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| 15 | **18.** Section 24 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| amended as follows:- | | section 24 of |
| the principal |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | enactment |

words from “A member of the Board” to “Hospital of Ayurveda” of the words “A member of the Board, 20 other than the Commissioner-General, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and the Heads of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous 25 Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka, the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and the Ayurveda National Hospital and the Head of the National Institute of Traditional Medicine,”;

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| 30 | (2) | by the substitution for subsection (3) thereof, of the |

following:-

“(3) The Head of the Faculty of Indigenous   
Medicine of the University of Colombo,   
Sri Lanka, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous

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Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka or the Head of 5 the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, shall be deemed to have vacated office as a member of the Board on his ceasing to hold the office of the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the 10 University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna, Sri 15 Lanka or the Head of the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as the case may be.”;

(3) by the substitution for subsection (4) thereof, of the   
 following:-

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| 20 | “(4) | The Head of the Ayurveda National Hospital shall |

be deemed to have vacated office as a member of   
the Board on his ceasing to hold the office of the   
Head of the Ayurveda National Hospital.” .

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| 25 | **19.** Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| section 27 of |
| amended, by the substitution for the words, “shall be six.”, | |
| the principal |
| 30 | of the words “shall be fourteen.”. | | enactment |
| **20.** Section 30 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| section 30 of |
| amended as follows:- | |
| the principal |
| enactment |
| (1) | by the substitution for paragraph (*a*), of the |
| following paragraph: - | |

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| 14 | “(*a*) | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | |
| to determine- | |
| (i) | the qualifications required for the award |

of post graduate degrees, basic degrees,   
diplomas, and certificates under this Act;

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| 5 | (ii) | the standards of the courses conferring |

basic degrees, diplomas and certificates,   
conducted by local or foreign universities   
or degree awarding institutions, to be   
considered for registration under the Act;

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| 10 | (iii) | and to hold examinations for the holders |

of basic degrees, diplomas and certificates   
conferred by local or foreign universities   
or degree awarding institutions, to be   
considered for registration under the Act;

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| 15 | (iv) | the standards and period of internship or |

training required by holders of basic   
degrees, diplomas and certificates   
conferred by local or foreign universities   
or degree awarding institutions, to be

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| 20 | (2) | considered for registration under the Act;”; |
| in paragraph (*b*) by the substitution for the words |

“enable persons to obtain” of the words “enable   
persons to obtain post graduate degrees or basic   
degrees or”;

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| 25 | (3) | in paragraph (*c*) by the substitution for the words |

“enable persons to obtain” of the words “enable   
persons to obtain post graduate degrees or basic   
degrees or”;

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| 30 | (4) | by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (*c*) of |
| the following new paragraph:- |

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“(*ca*) to make recommendations to the Minister in   
 respect of any fees to be prescribed, where   
 necessary, for the award of post graduate   
 degrees, basic degrees, diplomas, and

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| 5 | certificates under this Act;”. | Amendment of |
| **21.** Section 33 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| section 33 of |
| amended by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof, and the |
| the principal |
| substitution therefor of the following:- | enactment |

“(1) There shall be a Committee which shall be called 10 the Ayurveda Research Committee, (hereinafter in this Part referred to as “the Committee”) which shall consist of twelve members, namely-

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| 15 | (*a*) | the Commissioner-General; |
| (*b*) | the Head of the Ayurveda National Hospital; |
| (*c*) | the Head of the Bandaranayake Memorial |

Ayurveda Research Institute;

(*d*) four Professors each representing the University of Colombo, the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous 20 Medicine, the University of Jaffna, and the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University;

(*e*) one member duly appointed by the National   
 Science Foundation established under the

25 Science and Technology Development Act, No. 11 of 1994;

(*f*) one member duly appointed by the National Intellectual Property office of Sri Lanka established under the Intellectual Property 30 Act, No. 36 of 2003;

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| 16 | (*g*) | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* |
| one member nominated by the Secretary to |

the Ministry of the Minister assigned the   
subject of Science;

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| 5 | (*h*) | one member appointed by the Minister from |
| among persons who possess ten or more years |

of experience in the field of law; and

(*i*) one member not below the rank of Senior   
 Assistant Secretary appointed by the Secretary   
 to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the

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| 10 | subject of Finance is assigned.”. | | Amendment of |
| **22.** Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| section 38 of |
| amended, by the substitution for the words, “shall be three.”, | |
| the principal |
| 15 | of the words “shall be five.”. | | enactment |
| **23.** Section 41 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| section 41of the |
| amended as follows:- | |
| principal |
| (1) | in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) thereof, by the | enactment |

substitution for the words “ayurvedic clinical   
treatment” of the words “Ayurveda clinical   
treatment and Ayurveda primary health care”;

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| 20 | (2) | in subsection (2) thereof, by the insertion |

immediately after paragraph (d), the following new   
paragraph: -

“(*da*) the charging of any prescribed fees in respect   
 of any matters referred to in paragraphs (*a*)

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| 25 | (3) | to (*d*);”; |
| by the addition, immediately after subsection (2) |

thereof, of the following new subsection:-

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“(3) Formulating one or more sub committees to

carryout duties and responsibilities specified in sub

sections (1) and (2).”.

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| 5 | **24.** Section 51 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | Amendment of |
| amended as follows:- | | | section 51 of |
| the principal |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof- | | enactment |
| (*a*) | | in paragraph (*a*) by the substitution for the |

words “and a special register” of the words  
“and a special register and Consultant

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| 10 | (*b*) | Physician register”; |
| by the addition, immediately after paragraph |

(*c*), the following new paragraph:-

“(*d*) a register for the registration of   
 Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses.”.

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| 15 | (2) | by the addition , immediately after subsection (2) |

thereof, of the following new subsection:-

“(3) There shall be a register for Consultant   
 Physicians maintained by the Council under   
 this Act, for the purpose of registering

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| 20 | Consultant Physicians.”. | | Amendment of |
| **25.** Section 52 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended as follows:- | | section 52 of |
| the principal |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | enactment |

words “general register or the special register” of 25 the words “general register, the special register or the Consultant Physician register,”;

(2) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3)   
 thereof, of the following new subsection:-

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| 18 | “(3A) | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* |
| An application for the registration as a |

Consultant Physician in the Consultant   
Physician register shall not be refused by the   
Council except-

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| 5 | (*a*) | on the ground that the applicant is not |

entitled to such registration under sub   
section (1) of section 55, or

(*b*) on any other ground specified in sub   
 section (1) of section 57.”; and

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| 10 | (3) | in subsection (4) thereof, by the substitution for the |

words “ both the general register and the special   
register” of the words “ the general register, the   
special register and the Consultant Physician   
register,”.

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| 15 | **26.** Section 53 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “ayurvedic | section 53 of |
| the principal |
| pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” wherever they appear in that |
| enactment |
| section, of the words “ayurveda pharmacist, ayurveda nurse |

or ayurveda masseur or masseuse”.

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| 20 | **27.** Section 54 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “ayurvedic | section 54 of |
| the principal |
| pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” wherever they appear in that |
| enactment |
| section, of the words “ayurveda pharmacist, ayurveda nurse |

or ayurveda masseur or masseuse”.

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| 25 | **28.** Section 55 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended in paragraph (*c*) of subsection (1) by the substitution | section 55 of |
| the principal |
| for the words “The institute of Ayurveda of the University |
| enactment |
| of Ceylon; or” of the words “the Faculty of Indigenous |

Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, the 30 Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka, the Unit of Siddha Medicine of University of Jaffna,

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Sri Lanka, the Unit of Siddha Medicine of Eastern University, Sri Lanka; or”.

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| 5 | **29.** Section 56 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | | Replacement of |
| section 56 of |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - | | | |
| the principal |
| “Qualifications for  registration as an ayurvedic | 56. No person shall be entitled to be registered as Ayurveda pharmacist, Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse unless | | | enactment |
| 10 | pharmacist, ayurvedic | such person- | | |
| nurse or  ayurveda | (*a*) is a citizen of Sri Lanka; and | | |
| masseur or masseuse | (*b*) satisfies the Council that such person | | |
| possesses | | sufficient | knowledge, |

experience and skill in the science of manufacturing Ayurveda medicines efficiently or sufficient experience in 15 Ayurveda nursing or professional skill as an Ayurveda masseur or masseuse , as the case may be.”.

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| 20 | **30.** Section 57 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | Amendment of |
| section 57 of |
| amended as follows: - | | |
| the principal |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof- | | enactment |
| (*a*) | | in paragraph (*a*), by the substitution for the |

words “pharmacist, ayurvedic nurse” of the   
words “pharmacist, Ayurveda nurse,   
Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”;

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| 25 | (*b*) | in paragraph (*b*), by the substitution for the |

words “pharmacist, ayurvedic nurse” of the   
words “pharmacist, Ayurveda nurse,   
Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”;

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| 30 | (*c*) | in paragraph (*c*), by the substitution for the |
| words “any diploma or certificate” of the |

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words “any post graduate degree or basic   
degree or diploma or certificate”;

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| 5 | (2) | in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the |
| words “ayurvedic pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” |
| wherever those words appear in that subsection, of |

the words “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse   
or ayurveda masseur or masseuse”;

(3) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof, and the substitution therefor, of the following:-

10 “(3) Where a person is registered as an ayurveda practitioner in both the General register and the Consultant Physician register, the Council shall, if his registration in the General register is cancelled, by order cancel his registration in the Consultant Physician register.”.

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| 15 | **31.**  Section 58 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “ayurvedic | section 58 of |
| the principal |
| pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” wherever they appear in that |
| enactment |
| section, of the words “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda |

nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse”.

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| 20 | **32.** Section 59 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended as follows:- | section 59 of |
| the principal |
| (1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | enactment |

words “ayurvedic pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” and the

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| 25 | words “register of ayurvedic nurses,” of the words “Ayurveda pharmacist, Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or |

masseuse” and the words “register of Ayurveda nurses, the register of Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”, respectively;

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

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| 30 | words “ayurvedic pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” and the words “register of ayurvedic nurses,” of the words “Ayurveda |

pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses” and the words “register of Ayurveda nurses, the register of Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses,”, respectively; and

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(3) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the words “ayurvedic pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” and the words “register of ayurvedic nurses,” of the words “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or 5 masseuse” and the words “register of Ayurveda nurses, the register of Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”, respectively.

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| 10 | **33.** Section 60 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Replacement of |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:- | | section 60 of |
| the principal |
| “Fees to be | 60.(1) The fee for registration as an | enactment |
| charged for  the purposes  of section 18, in the exercise | Ayurvedic practitioner, Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses, shall be such sum as may be |
| 15 | of powers  under section 30 and in | prescribed by rules made by the Council under this Act. |
| carrying out | |
| duties under | (2) The Registrar shall not register the name |
| section 41 | of any person in the register of ayurvedic |

practitioners, the register of ayurvedic pharmacists, register of ayurveda nurses, the register of Ayurveda masseurs, or masseuses, 20 until the fee for registration as an ayurvedic practitioner, ayurveda pharmacist or ayurveda nurse or ayurveda masseurs or masseuses, as the case may be, is paid by that person.

(3) The fees chargeable by the Ayurveda 25 Education and Hospital Board in the exercise, discharge and performance of its powers, functions, and duties under section 30 of this Act, shall be as prescribed by regulations.

(4) The fees chargeable by the Ayurveda 30 Research Committee for the performance of its duties under section 41 of the Act, shall be as prescribed by regulations”.

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| 5 | 22 | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | Amendment of |
| **34.**  Section 61 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended by the substitution for the words “Ayurvedic | | section 61 of |
| the principal |
| pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” of the words “Ayurveda | |
| enactment |
| pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or | |
| masseuse”; | |
| 10 | **35.** Section 62 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “register of | | section 62 of |
| the principal |
| Ayurvedic nurses,” and the words “ayurvedic pharmacist or | |
| enactment |
| Ayurvedic nurse” of the words “register of Ayurveda nurses, | |
| the register of Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses,” and the | |

words, “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse” respectively.

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| 15 | **36.** Section 63 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended as follows: - | section 63 of |
| the principal |
| (1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | enactment |

words “ayurvedic pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” of the words “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse”;

(2) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the 20 words “ayurvedic pharmacist or Ayurvedic nurse” and the words “register of Ayurvedic nurses,” of the words “Ayurveda pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseurs or masseuses” and the words, “register of Ayurveda nurses, the register of Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”

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| 25 | respectively. | | Replacement of |
| **37.** Section 66 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| 30 | repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - | | section 66 of |
| the principal |
| “Ayurveda pharmacist, ayurveda | 66. For the purposes of any written law, a registered Ayurveda pharmacist, Ayurveda | enactment |
| nurse or  ayurveda  masseur or | nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse shall be deemed to be a legally or duly qualified |
| masseuse to be treated as  duly qualified | Ayurveda pharmacist, Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or masseuse, respectively.”. |

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| 5 | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | | | 23 | Amendment of |
| **38.** Section 69 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | |
| amended in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for | | | | section 69 of |
| the principal |
| the words “special register of ayurvedic practitioners,” of | | | |
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| the words “in the Special register of Ayurveda practitioners | | | |
| or Consultant Physician register of Ayurveda practitioners,”. | | | |
| 10 | **39.** Section 70 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | | Replacement of |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - | | | | section 70 of |
| the principal |
| “Registered ayurveda  pharmacist, registered | | 70. (1) Every registered Ayurveda pharmacist shall be entitled to manufacture Ayurveda medicines. | | enactment |
| 15 | ayurveda | | | | Amendment of |
| nurse or  registered ayurveda | | (2) Every registered Ayurveda nurse shall be entitled to practise ayurveda nursing. | |
| masseur or | | | |
| masseuse  entitled to  manufacture or practice | | (3) Every registered Ayurveda masseur or masseuse shall be entitled to practise Ayurveda massage techniques.”. | |
| **40.** Section 71 of the principal enactment is hereby | | | |
| amended as follows: - | | | | section 71 of |
| the principal |
| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the | | | enactment |

words “registered ayurvedic nurse,” wherever those 20 words appear in that section, of the words “registered Ayurveda nurse or registered Ayurveda masseur or masseuse,”;

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

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| 25 | “(2) | A person who is registered under section 10 |

as the proprietor of a registered Ayurveda   
hospital, herbal cultivation, Ayurveda   
pharmacy, herbarium, Ayurveda sale centre   
or Ayurveda stores may, notwithstanding that

30 he is not a registered Ayurveda pharmacist,

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use, for the purposes of the business of such   
Ayurveda hospital, herbal cultivation,   
pharmacy herbarium, Ayurveda sale centre   
or stores, any name, title, addition, or

5 description which may be used by a registered Ayurveda pharmacist, if-

(*a*) he employs a registered Ayurveda pharmacist to personally superintend and manage the cultivation, distribution, sale 10 or manufacturing of medicines, drugs or poisons at such Ayurveda hospital, herbal cultivation, pharmacy, herbarium, Ayurveda sale centre or Ayurveda stores, as the case may be; and

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| 15 | (*b*) | the name of the pharmacist so employed |

has been notified in writing to the   
Council.”.

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| 20 | **41.** Section 72 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “ayurvedic | section 72 of |
| the principal |
| pharmacist or ayurvedic nurse” of the words “Ayurveda |
| enactment |
| pharmacist or Ayurveda nurse or Ayurveda masseur or |

masseuse”.

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| 25 | **42.** Section 77 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment of |
| amended as follows: - | | section 77 of |
| the principal |
| (1) | by the repeal of subsection (1) thereof and the | enactment |

substitution therefor, of the following:-

“(1) Regulations may be made under this Act prescribing an Ayurveda Code containing all such provisions in respect of all such matters 30 as the authority empowered to make such regulations may deem necessary to prohibit, regulate or control the manufacture,

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preparation, importation, exportation, purchase, storage, advertising, transportation, quality control, sale, supply, distribution or dispensing of any article, substance or drug 5 for the purpose of Ayurveda medicine and surgery. Such Code may, without prejudice to the generality of the powers hereinbefore conferred, make provision in respect of all or any of the following matters:-

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| 10 | (*a*) | the declaration of any article, substance or |

drug as a poison, poisonous substance or   
dangerous drug, as the case may be, for   
that purpose;

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| 15 | (*b*) | the prohibition, regulation or control of, | | |
| the manufacture, preparation, importation, | | |
| exportation, | purchasing, | storing, |

advertising, transportation, quality control,   
sale, supply, or distribution of any   
Ayurveda product;

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| 20 | (*c*) | the registration and maintenance of any |
| (*d*) | herbal Garden for Research and Extension; |
| the registration of or issuance of licences |

or permits for any herbal cultivation and   
for any related activity, including

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| 25 | (*e*) | transportation and storing of crop; |
| the introduction and operation of a system |

of registration, licensing or issuance of permits for the purpose of effecting such regulation or control, including, but not 30 limited to, the making of application for such registration, licensing or issuance of permits, the grant, refusal, suspension and cancellation of such registration, licence or permit;

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| 26 | (*f*) | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* |
| the precautions to be taken, and the |

conditions to be complied with, in such   
herbal cultivation and in such manufacture,

preparation, importation, exportation,

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| 5 | purchase, | storage, | advertising, |

transportation, quality control, sale,   
supply, distribution or dispensing;

(*g*) the books and records to be kept and   
 maintained, and the returns to be furnished,

10 by persons engaged in such herbal cultivation and in such manufacture,

preparation, importation, exportation,

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| purchase, | storage, | advertising, |

transportation, quality control, sale,

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| 15 | (*h*) | supply, distribution or dispensing; |
| the inspection of the premises in which |

such herbal cultivation and in such   
manufacture, preparation, importation,

exportation, purchase, storage, advertising,

20 transportation, quality control, sale,

supply, distribution or dispensing is carried   
on, and of the records and books kept and

maintained for that purpose;

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| 25 | (*i*) | the charging of fees, where necessary in |
| respect of any matter referred to in this |

section; and

(*j*) any other matters incidental to or

connected with the matters aforesaid.”;

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| 30 | (2) | in subsection (2) thereof, by the |
| substitution for the words “the Prime |

Minister.” of the words “the President.”.

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| *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | 27 | Amendment of section 79 of  the principal  enactment |
| **43.** Section 79 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “registered ayurvedic hospital, any registered ayurvedic pharmacy,”, | |

wherever those words appear in that section, of the words 5 “registered Ayurveda hospital, any registered Ayurveda pharmacy, any Ayurveda drug manufactory, any herbal cultivation,”.

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| 10 | **44.** Section 80 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Replacement of |
| repealed and the following section substituted therefor: - | | section 80 of |
| the principal |
| “offences and penalties | 80.(1)Any person who – | enactment |

(*a*) resists or obstructs a person authorized in that behalf under this Act in the exercise by such person of any powers conferred on him by or 15 under this Act;

(*b*) fails without reasonable cause, to   
comply with the requirements of a   
notice issued under this Act;

(*c*) knowingly makes any false statement 20 in any return or information furnished by him under this Act; or

(*d*) willfully omits any material fact from any return or information furnished by him under this Act in respect of 25 which he is required to furnish information,

commits an offence under this Act and shall   
be liable on conviction after summary trial   
before a Magistrate, to a fine of not exceeding

30 one hundred thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description, for a term

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not exceeding one year or to both such fine   
and imprisonment.

(2) Any person who commits an act involving damage to public health commits an 5 offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, to a fine of not exceeding two hundred thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description, for a term not exceeding 10 two year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(3) Any person who commits an offence under section 79 of the Act, shall be liable on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, to a fine of not exceeding two 15 hundred thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description, for a term not exceeding two year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(4) Any person who-

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| 20 | (*a*) | carries out any activity without a |
| (*b*) | licence or permit for which a licence |
| or permit is required under this Act; |
| fraudulently displays logo or mark or |

sign indicating that a premises, establishment, an article, drug, 25 substance or Ayurveda product has a valid licence issued under the Act,

commits an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, to a fine not exceeding five 30 hundred thousand rupees or to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding two years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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(5) Any person who acts in contravention of any provision of this Act, (other than the provisions referred to in subsections (1), (2), (3) and (4) of this section) or any requirements 5 imposed under any such provision, or any regulations made under the Act, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall, on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable –

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| 10 | (*a*) | where such person is not a body |

corporate, to a fine not less than rupees five thousand and not exceeding rupees fifty thousand or to imprisonment of either description for 15 a term not exceeding one year or to both such fine and imprisonment in the case of a first offence, and to a fine not less than rupees ten thousand and not exceeding rupees one hundred

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| 20 | thousand or to an imprisonment of either description for a term not |

exceeding two years or to both such   
fine and imprisonment in the case of   
a subsequent offence ; and

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| 25 | (*b*) | where such person is a body corporate, |

to a fine not less than rupees fifty thousand and not exceeding rupees one million in the case of a first offence, and to a fine not less than 30 rupees one hundred thousand and not exceeding rupees two million in the case of a subsequent offence.”.

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| 35 | **45.** Section 83 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of |
| section 83 of |
| amended by the substitution for the words “pharmacy or |
| the principal |
| nursing,” of the words “ayurveda drug manufacturing, |
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| nursing or Ayurveda massage therapy,”. |

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| 30 | *Ayurveda (Amendment)* | Amendment of section 89 of  the principal  enactment |
| **46.** Section 89 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- | |
| (1) | by the repeal of the definition of the expression |

“Ayurveda” and the substitution therefor, of the 5 following:-

“Ayurveda” includes the Ayurveda and Siddha and Unani and Yoga and Desiya Chikitsa systems of medicine and surgery and any other system of 10 medicine indigenous to Asian countries and recognized as such by the Governments of such respective countries and the expression” ayurvedic” shall be construed

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| 15 | (2) | accordingly;”; |
| by the insertion, immediately after the definition of |

the expression “ayurveda”, the following new   
definition:-

“Ayurveda Consultant Physician” means a person 20 registered as an Ayurveda Consultant Physician under this Act;

(3) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of   
 the expression “ayurveda pharmacy”, the following   
 new definition: -

25 “Ayurveda Product” means any Ayurveda article, substance or drug which is manufactured or refined for sale, and includes any locally manufactured or imported medicinal extract or fraction, a health

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| 30 | supplement, a food supplement, a cosmeceutical, or a device.; |

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(4) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of   
 the expression “dispensary”, the following new   
 definitions:-

“Eastern University of Sri Lanka” means the 5 Eastern University of Sri Lanka established under Order made under section 21 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978 and published in the *Gazette*  Extraordinary No. 420/25 of September 10 26, 1986;

“Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka “ means the Faculty of Indigenous Medicine of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 15 established by Order made under the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978 and published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 2319/22 of February 13, 2023;

“Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of 20 Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka “ means the the Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, Sri Lanka established by Order made under the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978 and

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| 25 | published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 2199/12 of October 28, 2020; |

“Herbal Cultivation” means an act of growing herbs   
in a large scale and shall include crop,   
harvest or residual of such growth which

30 has a commercial value;

“Herbal Gardens for Research and Extension”  
means a dedicated space devoted to grow

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medicinal plants for research purposes,   
either by the Department of Ayurveda or   
a person registered under this Act;

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| 5 | (5) | by the insertion, immediately after the definition of |
| the expression “Hospital of Indigenous Medicine”, |

the following new definitions:-

“Medicinal plant” means any plant which, in one   
or more of its organs, contain substances   
that can be used for thereputic purposes

10 or which are precursors for the synthesis of useful drugs;

“Minister” means the Minister assigned the subject   
of Ayurveda under Article 44 or 45 of   
the Constitution;

15 (6) by the repeal of the definition of the expression “register of Ayurveda practitioners” and the substitution therefor, of the following:-

“register of Ayurveda practitioners” means the General register, or the Special register 20 or the Consultant Physician register, maintained by the Ayurveda Medical Council under this Act for the registration of Ayurveda practitioners, and includes

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| 25 | any register which is deemed to be a | | | |
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practitioners or a Special register of   
Ayurveda practitioners or a Consultant   
Physician register of Ayurveda   
practitioners under subsection (3) of

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| 30 | (7) | section 51; |
| by the insertion, immediately after the definition of |

the expression “registered ayurvedic practitioner”,   
the following new definitions:-

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“A Registered Ayurveda masseur or masseuse”  
means a person registered as an Ayurveda   
masseur or masseuse under this Act;

“Register of Ayurveda Consultant Physician”5 means the register maintained by the Ayurveda Medical Council for the registration of Ayurveda Consultant Physicians under this Act;

“Register of Ayurveda masseur or masseuse”10 means the register maintained by the Ayurveda Medical Council for the registration of Ayurveda Masseur or masseuse in this Act;

“University of Colombo, Sri Lanka” means the 15 University of Colombo, Sri Lanka established under section 139 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978;

“University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka” means the University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka 20 established under section 139 of the Universities Act, No.16 of 1978;”.

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| **47.**For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that the provisions of this Act shall not affect or be deemed to | Avoidance of doubt |

have affected any act previously done or any decision 25 previously made under the principal enactment prior to the date of commencement of this Act.

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| **48.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act the Sinhala text shall prevail. | Sinhala text to prevail in case of |

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