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**SUPPLEMENT**

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**FINANCE LEASING (AMENDMENT )**   
**A**   
**BILL**   
**to amend the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000**

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**Statement of Legal Effect**

***Clause 2 :*** This clause amends section 24 of the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”), and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions enabling a lessor to transfer or assign his rights under the lease to any registered establishment without the consent of the lessee.

***Clause 3 :*** This clause amends section 26 of the principal enactment, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions to require the lessor to have validly perfected his rights under the Secured Transactions Act, No. of 2023 if his rights under the principal enactment are to be enforced against a trustee in bankruptcy of the lessee or a creditor of the lessee.

***Clause 4 :*** This clause amends section 27 of the principal enactment, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions recognizing the right of a lessor who has registered his rights under any finance lease under the Secured Transactions Act, No. of 2023, to recover possession of an equipment.

*Finance Leasing (Amendment)*

**L.D. - O. 66/2017**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE FINANCE LEASING**   
**ACT, NO. 56 OF 2000**

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

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| **1.**(1) This Act may be cited as the Finance Leasing (Amendment) Act, No. of 2023. | Short title  and date of |

operation

5 (2) The provisions of this Act, other than the provisions of this section, shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*.

(3) The provisions of this section shall come into operation on the date on which the Bill becomes an Act of

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| 10 | Parliament. | Amendment |
| **2.** Section 24 of the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000 |
| of section 24 |
| (in this Act referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby |
| of Act, No. |
| amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution | 56 of 2000 |

for the words “A lessor may, with the written consent of the 15 lessee obtained at the time of entering into the finance lease or thereafter, transfer or assign”, of the words “A lessor may transfer or assign”.

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| 20 | **3.** Section 26 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution | of section 26 |
| of the |
| for the words “an attachment in execution of such |
| principal |
| equipment.”, of the words and figures “an attachment in | enactment |

execution of such equipment, provided the lessor has validly perfected those rights under the Secured Transactions Act, No. of 2023.”.

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| 5 | 2 | *Finance Leasing (Amendment)* | Amendment |
| **4.** Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended by the substitution for the words “an equipment | | of section 27 |
| of the |
| under this Act or under a provision of a finance lease, may-”, | |
| principal |
| of the words and figures “an equipment under the Secured | | enactment |
| Transactions Act, No. of 2023 or where there are no | |

competing claimants, under a provision of a finance lease,

may-”.

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| **5.** 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 |

inconsistency

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