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**PREVENTION OF FRAUDS (AMENDMENT)**   
**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70)**

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**Statement of Legal Effect**

***Clause 2 :*** This clause amends section 2 of the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide a procedure which would facilitate the prevention of forgery in respect of the execution of a deed of transfer.

*Prevention of Frauds (Amendment)*

**L.D. - O. 8/2023**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF FRAUDS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 70)

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

1.This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Frauds Short title (Amendment) Act, No. of 2023.

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| 5 | 2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance | Amendment |
| (Chapter 70) is hereby amended as follows: - | of section 2 |
| of Chapter |
| (1) by the renumbering of that section as |
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subsection (1);

(2) by the addition, immediately after subsection (1) 10 of that section, of the following new subsection: -

“(2) In relation to a transfer deed –

(a) both the transferor and the transferee shall affix their signatures and thumb impressions as required by subsection 15 (1):

Provided however, where the   
transferee is unable to be present and   
execute the deed or instrument, he shall   
authorise in writing, any other person

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| 20 | to sign such deed or instrument on his behalf, who shall comply with the |

requirements set out in subsection (1):

Provided further, where the   
transferee is a corporate body and where

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| 25 | the Board of Directors of such corporate body is unable to be present |

and execute the deed or instrument,

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such Board shall authorise in writing, any other person to sign such deed or instrument on his behalf, who shall comply with the requirements set out in 5 subsection (1).

(b) if the transferee is a minor, a guardian   
shall be a competent person to act on   
behalf of the transferee for the purpose   
of this section.”.

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| 10 | 3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency

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