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

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**MEDIATION BOARDS (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988**

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*Presented by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and Constitutional Reforms on 23rd of July, 2024*

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**[Bill No. 277]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 7 of the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") and the legal effect of that section as amended is to enable the court of First Instance to entertain any application without the certificate of non settlement, from any party to a dispute in respect of any offence referred to in second Schedule of the principal enactment, if such party admits such non settlement before court or indicate unwillingness to resolve the matter through mediation.

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| *Mediation Boards (Amendment)* | 1 |

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE MEDIATION BOARDS ACT, NO. 72 OF 1988

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 Mediation Boards | Short title |

(Amendment) Act, No. of 2024.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 7 of the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of | Amendment |
| 10 | 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is | | of section |
| 7 of Act, |
| hereby amended in paragraph (*b*) of the proviso to subsection | |
| No. 72 of |
| (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "that dispute."of | |
| 1988 |
| the following:- | |
| "that dispute: | |

Provided further that, if such certificate of non-  
settlement is not issued after the expiry of a period of   
three months from the date of making the application,

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| 15 | the Court of First Instance shall not be precluded from entertaining any action in respect of an offence referred |

to in paragraph (*c*) of this subsection, if the parties to   
the dispute in respect of such offence admit such non   
settlement before court or indicate their unwillingness   
to resolve such dispute through mediation.".

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| 20 | **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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| 2 | *Mediation Boards (Amendment)* |

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