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**SRI LANKA**

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**MATERNITY BENEFITS (AMENDMENT)**

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**BILL**

**to amend the Maternity Benefits Ordinance (Chapter 140)**

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*Presented by the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle, M.P. for Gampaha Districton 21st of August, 2024*

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE MATERNITY BENEFITS   
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 140)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Maternity Benefits Short title (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024.

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| 5 | **2.** Section 3 of the Maternity Benefits Ordinance | Amendment |
| (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | of section 3 |
| of the |
| amended by the insertion of subsection (1) (*c*) and (1) (*d*) of |
| principal |
| that section, as follows:- | enactment |

''(*c*) seven days from the date of miscarriage, if the 10 miscarriage occurs in the first twenty eight weeks of pregnancy; and

(*d*) seven days from the date of termination of   
 pregnancy under medical grounds''.

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| 15 | **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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