



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

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**CEILING ON HOUSING PROPERTY  
(SPECIAL PROVISIONS)  
ACT, No. 4 OF 1988**

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**Ceiling on Housing Property (Special Provisions)  
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L. D.—O. 15/87.

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE CEILING ON HOUSING PROPERTY; AND  
TO PROVIDE FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH OR  
INCIDENTAL THERETO.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Ceiling on Housing  
Property (Special Provisions) Act, No. 4 of 1988.

Short title.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 2  
or any other provision of the Ceiling on Housing Property  
Law, No. 1 of 1973 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal  
enactment") or any other written law, there shall be no  
limit from or after January 1, 1987, as to the maximum  
number of houses which may be owned by an individual  
who is, or is not, a member of a family or by any body of  
persons, corporate or unincorporate, and the provisions of  
the principal enactment shall be construed accordingly.

Removal of  
the ceiling  
on housing  
property.

3. Notwithstanding anything in the principal enactment,  
the tenant of a house or any person who may succeed to the  
tenancy thereof under section 36 of the Rent Act, No. 7 of  
1972, shall not be entitled, from, or after January 1, 1987 to  
make an application, under any provision of the principal  
enactment, for the purchase of such house.

Restriction  
on right  
to make  
applications  
under the  
principal  
enactment.

4. For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that  
the provisions of this Act shall not affect, or be deemed to  
have affected—

The provi-  
sions of this  
Act not to  
affect the  
past  
operation  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

(a) the past operation of, or anything duly done or  
suffered under, the principal enactment prior to  
January 1, 1987;

(b) any offence committed, any right, liberty or penalty  
acquired, or incurred, under the principal enact-  
ment, prior to January 1, 1987; and

(c) any action, proceeding or thing commenced under the  
principal enactment, and pending or incompletd  
on January 1, 1987, which action, proceeding or  
thing may be carried on and completed as if the  
principal enactment had not been amended by this  
Act.