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(AMENDMENT)  
ACT, No. 12 OF 1990**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ACT,  
No. 15 OF 1979

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 12 of 1990. Short title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 433 and shall have effect as section 433A of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 :— Insertion of new section 433A in Act No. 15 of 1979.

“Possession of property which is the subject of a hire purchase agreement.

433A. (1) In the case of a vehicle let under a hire purchase or leasing agreement, the person registered as the absolute owner of such vehicle under the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) shall be deemed to be the person entitled to possession of such vehicle for the purpose of this Chapter.

(2) In the event of more than one person being registered as the absolute owner of any vehicle referred to in subsection (1), the person who has been so registered first in point of time in respect of such vehicle shall be deemed to be the person entitled to possession of such vehicle for the purposes of this Chapter.”

3. 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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