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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 18 OF 2022**

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*Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)*  
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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.18 of 2022. Short title

2. Section 442 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - Replacement of section 442 of Act, No. 15 of 1979

“Copies of a judgment or final order or any deposition or other part of record

442. If any person affected by a judgment or final order of a criminal court desires to have a copy of the judgment or the final order or any deposition or other part of the record, he shall on applying for such copy, be furnished therewith by the court, upon payment therefor, of a fee determined from time to time by the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Justice, by Notification published in the *Gazette*, unless the court for some special reason thinks fit to furnish it free of cost:

Provided however, the complainant and every accused person of the respective case shall be furnished with one certified copy each, of the judgment or final order of the record, free of cost.”.

2            *Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)*  
                 *Act, No. 18 of 2022*

Amendment of  
section 443 of  
the principal  
enactment

**3.** Section 443 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (b), by the substitution for the words and figures, “on payment made at the rates mentioned in section 442” of the words and figures “subject to the provisions of section 442”.

Sinhala text to  
prevail in case  
of inconsistency

**4.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

