



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

**KANDYAN MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE
(AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

to amend the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 113)

*Presented by the Prime Minister and Minister of Buddha Sasana and
Religious on 08th March, 2013*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 16 of the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 113) (hereinafter referred to as the ‘principal enactment’) by specifying the payment of fees to the Divisional Registrar or the District Registrar

Clause 3 : This clause amends section 18 of the principal enactment by specifying the mode of payment.

Clause 4 : This clause amends section 19 by revising the fees to be paid to the Registrar and specifying the mode of payment.

Clause 5 : This clause amends section 24 by requiring fees to be paid to the Divisional Registrar or the District Registrar.

*Kandyan Marriage And Divorce
(Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 15/2013

AN ACT TO AMEND THE KANDAYAN MARRIAGE AND
DIVORCE ACT (CHAPTER 113)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Act, No. of 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation from January 1, 2013. Short title and date of operation
2. Section 16 of the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 113) (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (6) thereof, by the repeal of paragraph (d) of that subsection and the substitution therefor of the following paragraph :- Amendment of section 16 of the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 113)
- “(d) shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the Divisional Registrar or the District Registrar as the case may be, in proof of payment of the prescribed fee; and.”
3. Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (5) thereof, by the substitution for the words “the declaration shall bear a stamp or stamps of the prescribed value which shall be supplied by the party making the declaration” of the words “the declaration shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District Registrar in proof of payment of the prescribed fee which shall be made by the party making the declaration.” Amendment of section 18 of the principal enactment
4. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:- Amendment of section 19 of the principal enactment
- “(4) Where the declaration is made before the District Registrar or the Divisional Registrar it shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District

Registrar in proof of payment of a sum of rupees one hundred or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister. Such fees shall be paid by the party making the declaration.”

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| 5 | 5. Section 24 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:- | Amendment of section 24 of the principal enactment |
| 10 | “(2) Every application authorized to be made under the preceding provisions of this section shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District Registrar or the Divisional Registrar in proof of payment of the prescribed value.” | |
| 15 | 6. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act, for any purpose authorized by this Act to charge or collect, from January 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013, shall be deemed to have been validly charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such person authorised under this Act: | Validation and indemnity |
| 20 | Provided that the aforesaid provisions of this section shall not affect any decision or order made by any Court or any proceedings pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected during the aforesaid period. | |
| 25 | 7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and tamil text of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail | Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency |

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