



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

---

**MEDIATION BOARDS (AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

**to amend the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988**

---

*Presented by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and  
Constitutional Reforms on 23rd of July, 2024*

(Published in the Gazette on July 09, 2024)

*Ordered by Parliament to be printed*

---

**[Bill No. 277]**

---

PRINTED AT THE DEPARTMENT OF GOVERNMENT PRINTING, SRI LANKA  
TO BE PURCHASED AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS BUREAU, COLOMBO 5

**Price : Rs. 6.00**

**Postage : Rs. 150.00**

*This Bill can be downloaded from [www.documents.gov.lk](http://www.documents.gov.lk)*



*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 7 of the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") and the legal effect of that section as amended is to enable the court of First Instance to entertain any application without the certificate of non settlement, from any party to a dispute in respect of any offence referred to in second Schedule of the principal enactment, if such party admits such non settlement before court or indicate unwillingness to resolve the matter through mediation.

*Mediation Boards (Amendment)*

L.D. – O. 67/2023

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDIATION BOARDS ACT, NO. 72 OF 1988

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Mediation Boards (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024. Short title

5 2. Section 7 of the Mediation Boards Act, No. 72 of 1988 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended in paragraph (b) of the proviso to subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words "that dispute." of the following:- Amendment of section 7 of Act, No. 72 of 1988

10 "that dispute:

15 Provided further that, if such certificate of non-settlement is not issued after the expiry of a period of three months from the date of making the application, the Court of First Instance shall not be precluded from entertaining any action in respect of an offence referred to in paragraph (c) of this subsection, if the parties to the dispute in respect of such offence admit such non settlement before court or indicate their unwillingness to resolve such dispute through mediation."

20 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

