



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

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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 442 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision to issue one certified copy of the judgment or final order of the record to each of the parties to the case free of charge.

*Clause 3:* This clause amends section 443 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

*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.     of 2022. Short title

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of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor: - Replacement of section 442 of Act, No. 15 of 1979

10     “Copies of a judgment or final order or any deposition or other part of record  
15     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:  
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25     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.”.

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

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

