



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

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**PRESCRIPTION (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Prescription Ordinance (Chapter 68)**

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*Presented by the Minister of Justice and Prison Reforms  
on 18th of September, 2019*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 5 of the Prescription Ordinance (Chapter 68), and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions so that an action for the recovery of any sum due upon any mortgage of any property or any bond for the payment of money shall be prescribed after ten years from the date of giving notice to the debtor.

*Prescription (Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 63/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 68)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Prescription (Amendment) Act, No.     of 2019 and shall come into  
5 operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*. Short title and date of operation.
2. Section 5 of the Prescription Ordinance (Chapter 68) is hereby amended by the substitution for all the words from  
10 “within ten years from the expiration of such time,” to the end of that section, of the words “within ten years from the date of giving notice to the debtor.” Amendment of section 5 of Chapter 68.
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.

