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**IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351)**

*Ordered to be published by the Minister of Defence*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2 :* This clause amends section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) and the legal effect of that clause is to increase the period of a visa and to make provisions for the Minister to determine the period of permanent residence visa.

*Immigrants and Emigrants  
(Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 24/2018

AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 351)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Act, No. of 2021. Short title

5     **2.** Section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment  
of section 14  
of Chapter  
351

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “two years,” of the words “five years,”;

10     (2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “exceeding two years but not exceeding five years,” of the words “exceeding five years but not exceeding ten years,”; and

(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3) thereof, of the following subsection:—

15             “(3A) (a) Notwithstanding the time limits specified in subsections (1) and (2), the period of permanent residence visa may be determined by the Minister.

20             (b) for the purpose of paragraph (a), “permanent residence visa” means, a visa granted under regulations made under this Act.”.

**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

