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An Act to Amend the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996

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

- **1.** This Act may be cited as the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2015.
- **2.** Section 49 of the Fisherise and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2A) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:—

Amendment of section 49 of Act, No. 2 of 1996.

Short title.

"(2A) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of sections 14A or 14F of this Act shall commit an offence and shall on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate be liable to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not less than the amounts specified in Column II of the Schedule hereto which shall be determined by taking into consideration the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the Column I of the Schedule:—

SCHEDULE

Column I	Column II
Length of a boat	Fines
10.3 to less than 15 meters	Rupees 1.5 Million
15 to less than 24 meters	Rupees 5 Million
24 to less than 45 meters	Rupees 75 Million
45 to 75 meters	Rupees 120 Million
more than 75 meters	Rupees 150 Million"

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Insertion of new section 52A in the principal enactment.

3. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 52 and shall have effect as section 52A of the principal enactment:—

"Magistrate's Court to have jurisdiction notwithstanding the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act.

52A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in section 11 and section 14 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979, the Magistrate's Court shall have the jurisdiction to try offences specified in this Act, and to impose any fine as provided for such offences in this Act.".

Sinhala text to prevail in case of any inconsistency.

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

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