



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

**MUSLIM MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE
(AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

to amend the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 115)

*Presented by the Prime Minister and the Minister of Buddha Sasana and
Religious Affairs on 08th March, 2013*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

The amendments made to sections 18 and 94 of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 115) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) by clauses 2 and 3 of this Act specifies fees to be paid in cash.

Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment)

L.D.—O. 16/2013.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUSLIM MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE ACT
(CHAPTER 115)

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

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| 5 | <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Muslim Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Act, No. of 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation from January 1, 2013.</p> | <p>Short title and date of operation.</p> |
| 10 | <p>2. Section 18 of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 115) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (3) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:—</p> | <p>Amendment of section 18 of the Muslim Marriage and Divorce Act (Chapter 115).</p> |
| | <p>“(3) The prescribed fee shall be paid by the bridegroom.”.</p> | |
| 15 | <p>3. Section 94 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (h) of subsection (1) of that section by the substitution, for the words “ the stamp fee to be paid on a certified copy”, of the words “ the fee to be paid on a certified copy”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 94 of the principal enactment.</p> |
| 20 | <p>4. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act, for any purpose authorized by this Act to charge or collect, from January 1, 2013 and ending on March 31, 2013, shall be deemed to have been validly charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such person authorised under this Act:</p> | <p>Validation and Indemnity.</p> |
| 25 | <p>Provided that the aforesaid provisions of this section shall not affect any decision or order made by any Court or any proceedings pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected during the aforesaid period.</p> | |

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5. 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 any inconsistency.

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