



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

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**FINANCE LEASING (AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

**to amend the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000**

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*Presented by the Minister of Finance, Economic Stabilization and  
National Policies on 09th of January, 2024*

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#### *STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 24 of the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”), and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions enabling a lessor to transfer or assign his rights under the lease to any registered establishment without the consent of the lessee.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 26 of the principal enactment, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions to require the lessor to have validly perfected his rights under the Secured Transactions Act, No. of 2024 if his rights under the principal enactment are to be enforced against a trustee in bankruptcy of the lessee or a creditor of the lessee.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 27 of the principal enactment, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions recognizing the right of a lessor who has registered his rights under any finance lease under the Secured Transactions Act, No. of 2024, to recover possession of an equipment.

*Finance Leasing (Amendment)*

L.D. - O. 66/2017

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FINANCE LEASING ACT, NO. 56 OF 2000

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

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Finance Leasing (Amendment) Act, No.    of 2024. Short title  
and date of  
operation

5        (2) The provisions of this Act, other than the provisions of this section, shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the *Gazette*.

          (3) The provisions of this section shall come into operation on the date on which the Bill becomes an Act of  
10 Parliament.

          2. Section 24 of the Finance Leasing Act, No. 56 of 2000 (in this Act referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words “A lessor may, with the written consent of the  
15 lessee obtained at the time of entering into the finance lease or thereafter, transfer or assign”, of the words “A lessor may transfer or assign”. Amendment  
of section 24  
of Act, No.  
56 of 2000

          3. Section 26 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution  
20 for the words “an attachment in execution of such equipment.”, of the words and figures “an attachment in execution of such equipment, provided the lessor has validly perfected those rights under the Secured Transactions Act, No.    of 2024.”. Amendment  
of section 26  
of the  
principal  
enactment

4. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “an equipment under this Act or under a provision of a finance lease, may-”, of the words and figures “an equipment under the Secured Transactions Act, No.      of 2024 or where there are no competing claimants, under a provision of a finance lease, may-”.
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Amendment  
of section 27  
of the  
principal  
enactment

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  
inconsistency

