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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

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SUPPLEMENT

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**NINETEENTH AMENDMENT TO
THE CONSTITUTION**

(Private Member's Bill)

**A
BILL**

to amend the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

*To be presented in Parliament by Hon. Wijeyadasa Rajapakshe, M. P.
for Colombo District*

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Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA.

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka has guaranteed and assured to protect and foster the Buddha Sasana and the rights of all other religions:

Preamble.

5 WHEREAS it has become a timely need to enact provisions into the Constitution for the purpose of maintenance and preservation of religious dignity and holiness with a view to achieving of unity and concord of the Nation:

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Nineteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Short title.

2. The Article 91 of the Constitution be amended by inserting the following:—

Amendment of Article 91 of the Constitution.

15 “91(1) (d) (xiii) a priest of any religion”.

3. This amendment shall come into operation soon after the expiry or the dissolution of the seventh Parliament.

Date of operation of Amendment.

4. 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.

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