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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 :—

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| <p>1. This Act may be cited as the Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 2021.</p> | <p>Short title</p> |
| <p>2. Section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) is hereby amended as follows:—</p> <p>(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “two years,” of the words “five years,”;</p> <p>(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</p> <p>(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3) thereof, of the following subsection:—</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“(3A) (a) Notwithstanding the time limits specified in subsections (1) and (2), the period of permanent residence visa may be determined by the Minister.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) For the purpose of paragraph (a), “permanent residence visa” means, a visa granted under regulations made under this Act.”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 14 of Chapter 351</p> |
| <p>3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.</p> | <p>Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency</p> |

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