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**PREVENTION OF FRAUDS (AMENDMENT)**

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**BILL**

**to amend the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70)**

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### **Statement of Legal Effect**

***Clause 2 :*** This clause amends section 2 of the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide a procedure which would facilitate the prevention of forgery in respect of the execution of a deed of transfer.

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**L.D. - O. 8/2023**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF FRAUDS  
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 70)**

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

1.This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Frauds Short title  
(Amendment) Act, No. of 2023.

5 2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance Amendment  
(Chapter 70) is hereby amended as follows: - of section 2  
of Chapter

(1) by the renumbering of that section as 70  
subsection (1);

10 (2) by the addition, immediately after subsection (1)  
of that section, of the following new subsection: -

“(2) In relation to a transfer deed –

15 (a) both the transferor and the transferee  
shall affix their signatures and thumb  
impressions as required by subsection  
(1):

20 Provided however, where the  
transferee is unable to be present and  
execute the deed or instrument, he shall  
authorise in writing, any other person  
to sign such deed or instrument on his  
behalf, who shall comply with the  
requirements set out in subsection (1):

25 Provided further, where the  
transferee is a corporate body and where  
the Board of Directors of such  
corporate body is unable to be present  
and execute the deed or instrument,

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5                    such Board shall authorise in writing,  
any other person to sign such deed or  
instrument on his behalf, who shall  
comply with the requirements set out in  
subsection (1).

(b) if the transferee is a minor, a guardian  
shall be a competent person to act on  
behalf of the transferee for the purpose  
of this section.”.

10            3. 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



