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**SUPPLEMENT**

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**REVOCATION OF IRREVOCABLE  
DEEDS OF GIFT ON THE GROUND OF  
GROSS INGRATITUDE (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the ground of  
Gross Ingratitude Act, No. 5 of 2017**

*Ordered to be Published by the Minister of Justice*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 2 of the Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the Ground of Gross Ingratitude Act, No. 5 of 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provision to revoke an irrevocable deed of gift on the ground of gross ingratitude, only on an order made by a competent court.

*Clause 3:* This clause replaces section 3 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to reduce the time period to three years within which an action shall be filed to revoke an irrevocable deed of gift on the ground of gross ingratitude.

*Clause 4:* This clause replaces section 4 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to specify a comprehensive procedure for the registration of *lis pendens*.

*Clause 5:* This clause amends section 6 of the principal enactment for the purpose of clarity.

*Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift  
on the ground of Gross Ingratitude (Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 48/2021.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REVOCATION OF IRREVOCABLE DEEDS OF GIFT  
ON THE GROUND OF GROSS INGRATITUDE ACT, No. 5 OF 2017

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the ground of Gross Ingratitude (Amendment) Act, No. 5 of 2022.

2. Section 2 of the Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the ground of Gross Ingratitude Act, No. 5 of 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

10 “Revocation of irrevocable deed of gift 2. The revocation of an irrevocable deed of gift on the ground of gross ingratitude shall only be made on an order made by a competent court, in an action filed by the donor of such deed against the donee to have the said deed  
15 revoked.”.

3. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

20 “Time period within which action shall be filed 3. Court shall not entertain an action referred to in section 2, unless it is filed within three years from the date on which cause of action arose.”.

Short title

Replacement of section 2 of Act, No. 5 of 2017

Replacement of section 3 of the principal enactment

2                    *Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift*  
                      *on the ground of Gross Ingratitude (Amendment)*

4. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:–

Replacement  
of section 4  
of the  
principal  
enactment

“Procrdure to be followed in the registration of *lis pendens*”  
5                    4. (1) The plaintiff, in an action instituted under the provisions of this Act shall file or cause to be filed in the District Court with the plaint, an application for registration of *lis pendens* –

10                    (a) addressed to the Registrar of Lands or the Registrar of Title as the case may be, in the relevant Land Registry or in the relevant Title Registry as the case may be in which the irrevocable deed of gift sought to be revoked was registered; and

15                    (b) shall contain the correct prior registration number where the irrevocable deed of gift sought to be revoked has been previously registered.

20                    (2) The court shall cause to forward original, counterpart original and a copy of the *lis pendens* to the relevant Registrar of Lands or the Registrar of Title as the case may be, to register the *lis pendens* in the correct volume and folio relating to the relevant land and return the original of such  
25                    *lis pendens* to the Registrar of the District Court.

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5                   (3) Upon the *lis pendens* being duly  
registered in the correct volume and folio  
in the Land Registry or in the Title Registry  
as the case may be, the registered attorney  
at law for the plaintiff shall file a declaration  
stating that –

10                   (a) the relevant entries in the Land  
Registry or the Title Registry, as the  
case may be, have been duly and  
personally examined by him; and

                     (b) no other person shall be made as a  
party to such case to give notice as  
per such entries.

15                   (4) The District Court may, if it is  
satisfied of the contents of the declaration,  
shall issue summons.

20                   (5) The application referred to in  
subsection (1), shall be in triplicate marked  
as “original”, “counterpart original” and  
“copy” and be substantially in the form  
prescribed by regulations made under the  
Registration of Documents Ordinance  
(Chapter 117) and shall contain a blank  
space for the insertion of the number to be  
25                   assigned to the action by the District  
Court.”.

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              *on the ground of Gross Ingratitude (Amendment)*

5. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended –

Amendment  
of section 6  
of the  
principal  
enactment

5            (1) in the definition of the expression “Registrar of  
Lands”, by the substitution for the words “deed of  
gift which is sought to be revoked is situated; and”  
of the words “deed of gift which is sought to be  
revoked is situated;

10           (2) by the insertion immediately after the definition of  
the expression “Registrar of Lands” of the following  
definition:–

15           “ “Registrar of Title” means, any person appointed  
as the Registrar of Title under the  
Registration of Title Act, No. 21 of 1998,  
and having jurisdiction over the district in  
which the land which forms the subject  
matter of an irrevocable deed of gift sought  
to be revoked is situated; and”.

6. 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

