



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

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**MATERNITY BENEFITS (AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

**to amend the Maternity Benefits Ordinance (Chapter 140)**

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*Presented by the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,  
M.P. for Gampaha District on 21st of August, 2024*

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*Maternity Benefits (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MATERNITY BENEFITS  
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 140)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Maternity Benefits Short title  
(Amendment) Act, No. of 2024.

5 2. Section 3 of the Maternity Benefits Ordinance Amendment  
(hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby of section 3  
amended by the insertion of subsection (1) (c) and (1) (d) of of the  
that section, as follows:- principal  
enactment

10 "(c) seven days from the date of miscarriage, if the  
miscarriage occurs in the first twenty eight weeks  
of pregnancy; and

(d) seven days from the date of termination of  
pregnancy under medical grounds".

15 3. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala Sinhala text  
and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. to prevail in  
case of  
inconsistency

