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**DIVINEGUMA (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2, 3 and 4:* These clauses amend the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013 and other written laws and the legal effect of the amendment is to—

- (a) replace the word “Divineguma” with the word “Samurdhi”, wherever that word appears in that Act and other written laws; and
- (b) change the names of the legal entities established under that Act, by replacing the word “Divineguma” appearing in those names, with the word “Samurdhi”.

*Divineguma (Amendment)*

L. D.—O. 58/2015.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DIVINEGUMA  
ACT, NO. 1 OF 2013

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Divineguma Short title.  
(Amendment) Act, No. of 2016.

5 2. The Long title to the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013 Amendment  
(hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby of the Long  
amended as follows:— title to Act,  
No. 1 of  
2013.

(1) by the substitution for the expression “DEPARTMENT  
OF DIVINEGUMA DEVELOPMENT” of the  
10 expression “DEPARTMENT OF SAMURDHI  
DEVELOPMENT”; and

(2) by the substitution for the word “DIVINEGUMA”  
of the word “SAMURDHI”.

15 3. The second paragraph of the Preamble of the principal Amendment  
enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the of the  
words “AND WHEREAS, Divineguma intends” of the words Preamble of  
“AND WHEREAS, Samurdhi intends”. the principal  
enactment.

4. (1) In the principal enactment and any other written General  
law there shall be substituted— amendments  
to the  
principal  
enactment  
and other  
written law.

20 (a) for the expression “Department of Divineguma  
Development” of the expression “Department of  
Samurdhi Development”;

- (b) for the expression “Divineguma National Council” of the expression “Samurdhi National Council”;
- (c) for the expression “divineguma community based organizations” of the expression “samurdhi community based organizations”;
- (d) for the expression “divineguma regional organizations” of the expression “samurdhi regional organizations”;
- (e) for the expression “divineguma district committees” of the expression “samurdhi district committees”;
- (f) for the expression “Divineguma National Federation” of the expression “Samurdhi National Federation”;
- (g) for the expression “divineguma community based banks” of the expression “samurdhi community based banks”;
- (h) for the expression “divineguma community based banking societies” of the expression “samurdhi community based banking societies”;
- (i) for the expression “Board of Management of the Divineguma Community Based Banks and Divineguma Community Based Banking Societies” of the expression “Board of Management of the Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Samurdhi Community Based Banking Societies”;
- (j) for the expression “Divineguma Community Based Banking Union” of the expression “Samurdhi Community Based Banking Union”;
- (k) for the expression “Divineguma Development Fund” of the expression “Samurdhi Development Fund”;

- (l) for the expression “Divineguma Revolving Fund” of the expression “Samurdhi Revolving Fund”;
  - (m) for the expression “divineguma beneficiary” of the expression “samurdhi beneficiary”; and
  - 5 (n) for the word “divineguma” of the word “samurdhi”,
- wherever such expressions or words appear in the principal enactment and other written laws.

(2) Every reference to the “Divineguma Act”, “Department of Divineguma Development”, “Divineguma National Council”, divineguma community based organizations”, “divineguma regional organizations”, “divineguma district committees”, “Divineguma National Federation”, “divineguma community based banks”, “divineguma community based banking societies”, “Board of  
10 Management of the Divineguma Community Based Banks and Divineguma Community Based Banking Societies”, “Divineguma Community Based Banking Union”, “Divineguma Development Fund”, “Divineguma Revolving Fund”, “divineguma beneficiary” and “divineguma”, in any  
15 notice, notification, contract, communication or other document, shall be read and construed as a reference respectively to the “Samurdhi Act”, “Department of Samurdhi Development”, “Samurdhi National Council”, “samurdhi community based organizations”, “samurdhi  
20 regional organizations”, “samurdhi district committees”, “Samurdhi National Federation”, “samurdhi community based banks”, “samurdhi community based banking societies”, “Board of Management of the Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Samurdhi Community Based  
25 Banking Societies”, “Samurdhi Community Based Banking Union”, “Samurdhi Development Fund”, “Samurdhi Revolving Fund”, “samurdhi beneficiary” and “samurdhi”.

**5.** 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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