

PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF CEYLON (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance

Presented by Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe M. P. for Kurunegala District on 24th April, 2013.

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Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF CEYLON ORDINANCE

WHEREAS a portion of the area hitherto under the Preamble. ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Trincomalee has now been created into a new Diocese called the Roman Catholic Diocese of Batticaloa and the Right 5 Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah has been duly appointed the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa to administer the same:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance, to provide for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop 10 of Batticaloa and in other respects:

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

- 1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic Short title. Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Act, 15 No. of 2013.
 - 2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Insertion of Ceylon Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal new section enactment") as last amended by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby $\frac{38 \text{ in}}{338}$. further amended by the insertion immediately after Section

3E in Chapter

20 3D of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 3E of the principal enactmant:—

"Incorporation of the Roman Catholic 25 Bishop of Batticaloa.

3E. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, to wit the Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah and his successors duly appointed according to the laws and usages of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be a body corporate and shall, for all purposes of this Ordinance, have the name of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, and by such name shall have perpetual 2 Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment)

> succession and shall have full power to acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, and may sue or be sued in respect of such property in all courts of justice.".

3. The following new Section is hereby inserted Insertion of immediately after Section 5D of the principal enactment and new Section shall have effect as Section 5E of the principal enactment:—

5E in the principal enactment.

10 "Vesting of property in the Roman Catholic Bishop of 15 Batticaloa

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"5E. All property both movable and immovable, already acquired, held or possessed by the said Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah, in his official capacity, shall, subject to any trust or condition affecting the same, vest in the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa.".

4. Section 6 of the principal enactment as last amended Amendment by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby amended by the addition immediately after sub section (5) of that Section, of the following new sub section:-

of section 6 principal enactment.

- 20 "(6) Any instrument of conveyance, transfer or assignment executed by the Bishop of Trincomalee in favaour of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa of all the property movable or immovable which by reason of the creation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of 25 Batticaloa become subject to the administration of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, shall be charged the stamp duty prescribed for such instrument, under Section 2 of the Stamp Duty Act, No. 43 of 1982.".
- 5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala Sinhala text 30 and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

to prevail in case of inconsistency.

