



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

**IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS
(AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

to amend the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351)

*Presented by the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Policies &
Plan Implementation, Minister of Buddhasasana, Religious & Cultural
Affairs and Minister of Urban Development & Housing
on 06th of September, 2021*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) and the legal effect of that clause is to increase the period of a visa and to make provisions for the Minister to determine the period of permanent residence visa.

*Immigrants and Emigrants
(Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 24/2018

AN ACT TO AMEND THE IMMIGRANTS AND EMIGRANTS ACT
(CHAPTER 351)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigrants and Emigrants (Amendment) Act, No. of 2021. Short title

5 2. Section 14 of the Immigrants and Emigrants Act (Chapter 351) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment
of section 14
of Chapter
351

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “two years,” of the words “five years,”;

10 (2) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution for the words, “exceeding two years but not exceeding five years,” of the words “exceeding five years but not exceeding ten years,”; and

(3) by the insertion immediately after subsection (3) thereof, of the following subsection:—

15 “(3A) (a) Notwithstanding the time limits specified in subsections (1) and (2), the period of permanent residence visa may be determined by the Minister.

20 (b) for the purpose of paragraph (a), “permanent residence visa” means, a visa granted under regulations made under this Act.”.

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

