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ANACT TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

(CHAPTER 112)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Marriage Registration Short title and

(Amendment) Act, No. 22 of 2013 and shall be deemed to date of

have come into operation on January 1, 2013. operation.

2. Section 24 of the Marriage Registration Ordinance Amendment of

(Chapter 112) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal section 24 of the

enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection Marriage

Registration

(6) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the

Ordinance

following subsection :— (Chapter 112).

“(6) Every notice to a Registrar of a Division or to a

District Registrar as the case may be, under subsection

(1), (2) or (3) of section 23 or every notice under

subsection (4) thereof, shall be accompanied by a receipt

issued by the Registrar of such Division or such District

Registrar as the case may be, in proof of payment of a sum

of rupees ten or a sum of rupees thirty respectively or

such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister

from time to time.”.

3. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and section 27 of the

the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :— principal

enactment.

“(4) Where the declaration is made before the District

Registrar, the party making the declaration shall pay

rupees one hundred or such amount as may be prescribed

by the Minister from time to time, and where the

declaration is made before the Registrar of a Division it

shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District

Registrar in proof of payment of a sum of rupees one

hundred or such amount as may be prescribed.”.

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Amendment of 4. Section 34 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 34 of the amended by the repeal of subsection (5) of that section, and

principal

the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

enactment.

“(5) The minister shall, within seven days from the

date of the solemnizing of the marriage, separate from the

register book the duplicate statement of the marriage and

transmit the same to the District Registrar within whose

district the marriage was solemnised together with a fee

specified in the second schedule to this Act, as may be

prescribed by the Minister from time to time, which is

payable to such Registrar for the registration of such

marriage.”.

Amendment of 5. Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 38 of the amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section, and

principal

the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

enactment.

“(2) In case the female party belongs to a class other

than that described in the preceding subsection or is in

the opinion of the District Registrar, not entitled to the

benefits of that subsection, it shall be lawful for the District

Registrar upon the application of one of the parties to the

intended marriage, and which application shall be

accompanied by a receipt issued by the District Registrar

in proof of payment of a sum of rupees three thousand

five hundred or such other amount as may be prescribed

by the Minister from time to time, to issue a licence

empowering a registrar to solemnise the marriage at such

place and hour as the parties may prefer and as they may

be named in this licence.”.

Amendment of 6. Section 51 of the principal enactment is hereby

section 51 of the amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section, and

principal

the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

enactment.

“(2) The applicant shall pay in respect of every written

application and in respect of every certified copy or

certified extract thereof such amount as may be prescribed

by the Minister from time to time.”.

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7. Section 62 of the principal enactment is hereby Amendment of

section 62 of the

amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution principal

for the words “the fees enumerated in the second schedule” enactment.

of the words “the fees enumerated in the second schedule

which may be prescribed by the Minister from time to

time,”.

8. The Second Schedule to the principal enactment as Replacement of

the second

last amended by Act, No. 36 of 2006, is hereby repealed and

schedule to the

the following schedule substituted therefor :— principal

enactment.

“SECOND SCHEDULE (Section 62)

For what Duty Payable to Payable Amount

whom by whom (Rs.)

1 Entering a notice Registrar Applicant

of marriage at his

office or at any

other place 100.00

2 Entering a notice Additional Applicant

of marriage at his District

office or at any Registrar or

other place District

Registrar 100.00

3 Issuing Registrar’s Registrar Parties to

certificate on a notice marriage

of marriage 100.00

4 Issuing Registrar’s Additional Parties to

certificate on a notice District marriage

of marriage Registrar or

District

Registrar 100.00

5 Solemnising Registrar Parties to

marriage in his marriage

office 750.00

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6 Registration of District Parties to

marriage solemnised Registrar marriage

in registered place

of public worship 750.00

7 Solemnising Additional Parties to

marriage in his District marriage

office Registrar or

District

Registrar 750.00

8 Solemnising Registrar Parties to

marriage outside his marriage

office under

section 38 1500.00

9 Solemnising Additional Parties to

marriage outside his District marriage

office under Registrar or

section 38 District

Registrar 1500.00”.

Validation. 9. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the

Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act,

for any purpose authorised by this Act to charge or collect,

during the period commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending

on the date on which the certificate of the speaker is endorsed

in respect of this Act, shall be deemed to have been validly

charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such

person authorised under this Act:

Provided that, the aforesaid provisions shall not affect

any decision or Order made by any Court or any proceedings

pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected

during the aforesaid period.

Sinhala text to 10. In the event of any inconsistency between the

prevail in case Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall

of inconsistency.

prevail.

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