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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRIMARY COURTS' PROCEDURE ACT,
No. 44 OF 1979.**

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Primary Courts' Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 49 of 1980. **Short title.**

2. Section 64 of the Primary Courts' Procedure Act, No. 44 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal enactment") is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :— **Replacement of section 64 of Act No. 44 of 1979.**

"Stamp duty in civil actions.

64. All documents filed in a civil action instituted in a Primary Court shall be exempt from the payment of stamp duty under the Stamp Ordinance :

Provided, however, that in any such action, there shall be affixed to the plaint of the plaintiff, the answer of the defendant and the plaintiff's reply to the defendant's claim in reconvention, as the case may be, a stamp to the value of one rupee."

3. (1) The amendment made in the principal enactment by section 2 of this Act shall be deemed to have come into force on the date on which that enactment came into operation.

Retrospective effect, &c.

(2) Where, before the date of commencement of this Act, any person has paid any stamp duty on any document, other than a plaint of a plaintiff, an answer of a defendant and the plaintiff's reply to a defendant's claim in a reconvention, filed in a civil action instituted in a Primary Court, such person shall not be entitled to have any such stamp duty refunded to him.

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