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**WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION SCHEME  
(ARMED FORCES) (AMENDMENT)  
ACT, No. 55 OF 1999**

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(Amendment) Act, No.55 of 1999*

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PENSION  
SCHEME (ARMED FORCES) ACT, NO. 18 OF 1970

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) (Amendment) Act, No.55 of 1999. Short Title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 3A and shall have effect as section 3B of the Widows and Orphans Pension Scheme (Armed Forces) Act, No. 18 of 1970 :- Insertion of new section 3B in Act, No.18 of 1970.

Extension of time limit to become a contributor to the Pension Scheme 3B. (1) Any Person who became a member of the Armed Forces on or before September 30th 1968 and who -  
(a) continued, or continues, to be such member after that date ; and

(b) has not elected, under section 3 or section 3A, to be a contributor to the Pension Scheme,

may, before such date as the Minister may appoint by Order published in the Gazette, elect to be a contributor to the Pension Scheme :

Provided however, that where a member of the armed forces referred to in this subsection has died prior to the coming into force of this section or dies before the date appointed under this subsection without making an election

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under this subsection , such person shall, if he leaves a wife or child or a wife and child or a wife and children, be deemed to have elected to be a contributor to the Pension Scheme.

(2) Every person who elects under subsection (1) to become a contributor to the Pension Scheme or in the case of a person who is deemed under that subsection to have elected to have become a contributor to the Pension Scheme, the person administering the affairs of such deceased person, shall pay to the Pension Scheme, all arrears of contributions for the period commencing on October 1, 1968 and ending on the date of retirement or death, as the case may be, with interest thereon at the rate of four *per centum* per annum.

(3) An election made under the provisions of subsection (1) shall be final.

(4) The provisions of this section shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in section 3 or 3A.”

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

**3.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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