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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COCONUT DEVELOPMENT
ACT, No. 46 OF 1971

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

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Coconut Development (Amendment) Act, No. 7 of 2019. Short title.
- 2.** Section 2 of the Coconut Development Act, No. 46 of 1971 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section as follows:- Amendment of Section 2 of Act, No. 46 of 1971.

 - (1) by the substitution in paragraph (ix), for the words “the Board; and” of the words “the Board;”; and
 - (2) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (ix) of that subsection, of the following new paragraph:-

“(ix*a*) appoint a Working Director, in accordance with the provisions of section 2*A*, who shall not be a member of the Board; and”.
- 3.** The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 2 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 2*A* of that enactment:- Insertion of new section 2*A* in the principal enactment.

“Working Director of a Board. 2*A*. (1) The Minister may appoint to any Board established under the provisions of section 2 of this Act, a Working Director from among persons who possess an agriculture degree or any other recognized qualification, and knowledge in the field of coconut development.

(2) The Working Director shall-

- (a) be a full time officer;
- (b) assist the Chairman in the promotion of the development of coconut cultivation and marketing; and
- (c) assist the Chairman in the administration, management and operation of the affairs of the Board including the co-ordination of the activities of the Board.

(3) The Minister may remove the Working Director from office after assigning reasons therefore.

(4) The term of office of the Working Director shall be for a period of three years from the date of appointment and he shall be eligible for reappointment unless has been removed from office as referred to in subsection (3). Such reappointment shall be for not more than one further term, whether consequent or not.

(5) The office of the Working Director shall become vacant upon the death, removal from office under subsection (3) or resignation by letter in that behalf addressed to the Minister.

(6) Where the Working Director by reason of ill health, infirmity or absence from Sri Lanka is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the Minister shall appoint another member of the Board to act in his place.

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(7) The Working Director shall be paid such remuneration as may be specified in the relevant Public Enterprise Circulars issued by the Ministry of Finance.” .

4. 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.

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