



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

MARRIAGE REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Marriage Registration Ordinance

*Presented by the Hon. Premitha Bandara Tennakoon,
M.P. for Matale District on 02nd of December 2020*

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

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 (Amendment) Act, No. of 2020. Short title.

- 5 **2.** The long title of the Marriage Registration Ordinance No. 19 of 1907 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is amended to remove the words “OTHER THAN THE MARRIAGES OF MUSLIMS AND” therein. Amendment of the long title of the principal enactment.

- 10 **3.** In the Section 64 substitute the interpretation of “marriage” with the following :- “marriage” means, “any marriage contracted under this ordinance between a man and a woman who have reached the age of 18 and above”. Substitute the interpretation of “marriage” in the Section 64 of the principal enactment.

- 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.

