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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**LAND DEVELOPMENT (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Land Development Ordinance (Chapter 464)**

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*Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Mrs. Thusitha Wijemanne, M.P.  
for Kegalle District on 05th of February 2020*

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*Land Development (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 464)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Land Development (Amendment) Act, No. of 2020. Short title.

5     **2.** Rule 1(b) and rule 2 of the Third Schedule of the principal Act should be replaced with the following rules:- Amendment of Third Schedule of Chapter 464.

10             “1(b). Title to a holding for the purposes of Section 72 shall devolve on the relatives of the permit holder or owner in the order of priority in which they are respectively mentioned in the subjoined table, the older being preferred to the younger if there are more relatives than one in any group:

15             Provided that nothing in this rule should give priority to the older person when a land has been developed by other person than the older person.

Table

- (i) Children;
- (ii) Grand sons and daughters;
- (iii) Parents;
- 20 (iv) Brothers and Sisters;
- (v) Uncles and Aunts;
- (vi) Nephews and Nieces.

In this rule “relative” means, a relative by blood and not by marriage and “children” includes adopted children too.

(2) Where in any group of relatives mentioned in the table subjoined to rule 1, there are two or more persons of the same age or of different ages who are equally entitled and willing to succeed, the Divisional Secretary may  
5 nominate out of these persons who develop the land to succeed to the holding:

Provided that when nominating more than one person, the successors should be nominated in accordance with any conditions that may have been included in the permit  
10 or the grant.”.

**3.** 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.

