



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

MATERNITY BENEFITS (AMENDMENT)

**A
BILL**

to amend the Maternity Benefits Ordinance (Chapter 140)

*Presented by the Hon. (Dr.) (Mrs.) Sudarshini Fernandopulle,
M.P. for Gampaha District on 21st of August, 2024*

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MATERNITY BENEFITS
ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 140)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Maternity Benefits (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024. Short title

5 2. Section 3 of the Maternity Benefits Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the insertion of subsection (1) (c) and (1) (d) of that section, as follows:- Amendment of section 3 of the principal enactment

10 "(c) seven days from the date of miscarriage, if the miscarriage occurs in the first twenty eight weeks of pregnancy; and

(d) seven days from the date of termination of pregnancy under medical grounds".

15 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

