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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 22 OF 2013**

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MARRIAGE REGISTRATION ORDINANCE
(CHAPTER 112)

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. 22 of 2013 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on January 1, 2013.

Short title and date of operation.

2. Section 24 of the Marriage Registration Ordinance (Chapter 112) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (6) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

Amendment of section 24 of the Marriage Registration Ordinance (Chapter 112).

“(6) Every notice to a Registrar of a Division or to a District Registrar as the case may be, under subsection (1), (2) or (3) of section 23 or every notice under subsection (4) thereof, shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the Registrar of such Division or such District Registrar as the case may be, in proof of payment of a sum of rupees ten or a sum of rupees thirty respectively or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time.”.

3. Section 27 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

Amendment of section 27 of the principal enactment.

“(4) Where the declaration is made before the District Registrar, the party making the declaration shall pay rupees one hundred or such amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time, and where the declaration is made before the Registrar of a Division it shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District Registrar in proof of payment of a sum of rupees one hundred or such amount as may be prescribed.”.

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Amendment of section 34 of the principal enactment.

4. Section 34 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (5) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(5) The minister shall, within seven days from the date of the solemnizing of the marriage, separate from the register book the duplicate statement of the marriage and transmit the same to the District Registrar within whose district the marriage was solemnised together with a fee specified in the second schedule to this Act, as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time, which is payable to such Registrar for the registration of such marriage.”.

Amendment of section 38 of the principal enactment.

5. Section 38 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(2) In case the female party belongs to a class other than that described in the preceding subsection or is in the opinion of the District Registrar, not entitled to the benefits of that subsection, it shall be lawful for the District Registrar upon the application of one of the parties to the intended marriage, and which application shall be accompanied by a receipt issued by the District Registrar in proof of payment of a sum of rupees three thousand five hundred or such other amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time, to issue a licence empowering a registrar to solemnise the marriage at such place and hour as the parties may prefer and as they may be named in this licence.”.

Amendment of section 51 of the principal enactment.

6. Section 51 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) of that section, and the substitution therefor, of the following subsection :—

“(2) The applicant shall pay in respect of every written application and in respect of every certified copy or certified extract thereof such amount as may be prescribed by the Minister from time to time.”.

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6	Registration of marriage solemnised in registered place of public worship	District Registrar	Parties to marriage	750.00
7	Solemnising marriage in his office	Additional District Registrar or District Registrar	Parties to marriage	750.00
8	Solemnising marriage outside his office under section 38	Registrar	Parties to marriage	1500.00
9	Solemnising marriage outside his office under section 38	Additional District Registrar or District Registrar	Parties to marriage	1500.00".

Validation.

9. Any fees charged or collected by or on behalf of the Registrar- General or any person authorised under this Act, for any purpose authorised by this Act to charge or collect, during the period commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending on the date on which the certificate of the speaker is endorsed in respect of this Act, shall be deemed to have been validly charged or collected by the Registrar- General or by any such person authorised under this Act:

Provided that, the aforesaid provisions shall not affect any decision or Order made by any Court or any proceedings pending in any Court in respect of any fee charged or collected during the aforesaid period.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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

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