PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

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ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF CEYLON (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance

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Presented by Hon. Neranjan Wickremasinghe M. P. for Kurunegala District on 24th April, 2013.

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[Bill No. 236]

Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops
of Ceylon (Amendment)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS
OF CEYLON ORDINANCE

WHEREAS a portion of the area hitherto under the   Preamble.
ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Bishop of
Trincomalee has now been created into a new Diocese called
the Roman Catholic Diocese of Batticaloa and the Right

5 Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah has been duly appointed the
Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa to administer the same:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Roman
Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon Ordinance, to
provide for the incorporation of the Roman Catholic Bishop

10 of Batticaloa and in other respects:

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

    1. This Act may be cited as the Roman Catholic   Short title.
Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Act,

15 No. ..... of 2013.

    2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of   Insertion of
Ceylon Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal   new section
enactment") as last amended by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby   3E in Chapter
further amended by the insertion immediately after Section   338.

20 3D of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section
3E of the principal enactmant :—

"Incorpora-   3E. The Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa,
tion of the   to wit the Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah
Roman   and his successors duly appointed according
Catholic   to the laws and usages of the Roman Catholic

25 Bishop of   Church, shall be a body corporate and shall, for
Batticaloa.   all purposes of this Ordinance, have the name
of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa,
and by such name shall have perpetual

succession and shall have full power to acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same, and may sue or be sued in respect of such property in all courts of justice.".

3. The following new Section is hereby inserted immediately after Section 5D of the principal enactment and shall have effect as Section 5E of the principal enactment:—

Insertion of new Section 5E in the principal enactment.

"Vesting of property in the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa

"5E. All property both movable and immovable, already acquired, held or possessed by the said Right Reverend Dr. Joseph Ponniah, in his official capacity, shall, subject to any trust or condition affecting the same, vest in the said Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa.".

4.   Section 6 of the principal enactment as last amended by Act, No. 19 of 2000 is hereby amended by the addition immediately after sub section (5) of that Section, of the following new sub section:—

Amendment of section 6 of the principal enactment.

"(6) Any instrument of conveyance, transfer or assignment executed by the Bishop of Trincomalee in favaour of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa of all the property movable or immovable which by reason of the creation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Batticaloa become subject to the administration of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Batticaloa, shall be charged the stamp duty prescribed for such instrument, under Section 2 of the Stamp Duty Act, No. 43 of 1982.".

5.   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.