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AN ACT TO AMEND THE PREVENTION OF FRAUDS ORDINANCE
(CHAPTER 70)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Frauds (Amendment) Act, No. 30 of 2022. Short title

2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance (Chapter 70) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of all the words from “shall be of force” to the end of that section and the substitution therefore of the following:- Amendment of section 2 of Chapter 70

“shall be in force or avail in law unless –

- (a) the relevant deed or instrument shall be in writing, signed by every executant and attested by a notary public before two witnesses present at the same time; and
- (b) the left or right thumb impression of every such executant or where both thumbs of such executant are missing, the impression of any other finger or the toe impression as the case may be, is affixed above or besides the signature to the original, duplicate and the protocol of the relevant deed or instrument:

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Provided however, in the event the signature or the thumb impression of any such executant cannot be obtained due to any reason, the notary public shall state such reason in the attestation, and such executant shall affix any other finger impression or toe impression, as the case may be.”;

Amendment of
section 4 of the
principal
enactment

3. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

- (1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1);
- (2) by the repeal of all the words from “in the manner hereinafter mentioned;” to the end of renumbered subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the words “subject to the provisions specified in subsection (2);
- (3) by the addition immediately after subsection (1) of that section, the following new subsection: -

“(2) The testator shall –

(a) sign; and

(b) affix his left or right thumb impression,

at the foot or end of the will, testament or codicil referred to in subsection (1), before a notary public and two witnesses who shall be present at the same time:

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