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AN ACT TO AMEND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS
ACT, NO. 32 OF 1968.

[Date of Assent: July 5, 1971]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Registration of Persons (Amendment) Act, No. 28 of 1971. Short title.

2. Section 9 of the Registration of Persons Act, No. 32 of 1968, hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act", is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment of section 9 of Act No. 32 of 1968.

(a) by the addition, immediately after paragraph (b) of sub-section (2) of that section, of the following new paragraph:—

“ (bb) shall,—

(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of the fee for such registration which the Minister is hereby authorized to fix by notification published in the *Gazette* has been issued to the applicant under this Act, bear a stamp or stamps of the value of such fee; or

(ii) if such certificate has been issued to the applicant, have such certificate attached to the application;”;

(b) in sub-section (3) of that section by the omission of all the words from “ One such copy ” to the end of that sub-section; and

(c) in sub-section (4) of that section by the substitution, for the expression “ that sub-section, and sub-section (3). ”, of the expression “ that sub-section.”.

Amendment of
section 16 of
the principal
Act.

3. Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended in sub-section (2) of that section as follows:—

(1) by the substitution for paragraph (b) of that sub-section of the following new paragraph:—

“ (b) shall,—

(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of the fee for the issue of such duplicate which the Minister is hereby authorized to fix by notification published in the *Gazette* has been issued to the applicant under this Act, bear a stamp or stamps of the value of such fee; or

(ii) if such certificate has been issued to the applicant, have such certificate attached to the application;” and

(2) in paragraph (d) of that sub-section by the substitution, for all the words and figures from “ standards and quality,” to the end of that paragraph, of the words “ standards and quality.”.

Amendment of
section 17 of
the principal
Act.

4. Section 17 of the principal Act is hereby amended in sub-section (2) of that section as follows:—

(1) by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (a) of that sub-section, of the following new paragraph:—

“ (aa) shall,—

(i) if no certificate of waiver in respect of the fee for the issue of a duplicate of such card has been issued to the applicant under this Act, bear a stamp or stamps of the value of such fee; or

(ii) if such certificate has been issued to the applicant, have such certificate attached to the application;” and

- (2) by the substitution in paragraph (c) of that sub-section, for all the words and figures from "standards and quality," to the end of that paragraph, of the words "standards and quality."

5. Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of
section 22 of
the principal
Act.

- (a) by the renumbering of that section as sub-section (1) thereof; and
- (b) by the addition, immediately after renumbered sub-section (1) of that section, of the following new sub-sections:—

"(2) No person shall cause damage to, or deface, or in any way alter or change the character of, any identity card, or make any unauthorized duplicate of such card.

(3) Any transferor or transferee, assignor or assignee of an identity card under sub-section (1), or any person who has damaged or defaced or in any way altered or changed the character thereof, or made any unauthorized duplicate thereof, under sub-section (2), shall be guilty of an offence under this Act, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand rupees, or to imprisonment of either description for a term of not less than three months but not more than one year, or to both such fine and imprisonment."

6. Section 36 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:—

Replacement of
section 36 of
the principal
Act.

"Cost of
copies of
photographs.

36. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section (3), the cost of the copies of the photograph which are required to accompany any application for registration or for the issue of the duplicate of an identity card shall be paid by the applicant.

(2) The maximum charge that may be made for three copies of the photograph referred to in sub-section (1) by a registered photographer shall be fixed by the Minister by notification published in the *Gazette*.

(3) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in sub-section (1), the cost of the three copies of the photograph of any person referred to in sub-section (1) to whom a certificate of waiver has been issued shall be paid by the Government, and accordingly shall be a charge on the Consolidated Fund of Ceylon."

Insertion of
new section
36A in the
principal Act.

7. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 36 of the principal Act, and shall have effect as section 36A of that Act:—

" Waiver of
fees.

36A. The Commissioner, a Government Agent or any Divisional Revenue Officer—

(a) may, on the ground of the poverty of any person, waive the fee payable by that person for registration or the issue of a duplicate of an identity card; and

(b) shall, if such fee is so waived, issue to that person a certificate of waiver in respect of such fee."