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AN ACT TO AMEND THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS
REGISTRATION ACT, NO. 17 OF 1951.

[Date of Assent: March 27, 1953]

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 Births and Deaths Registration (Amendment) Act, No. 15 of 1953.

Short title.

2. Section 24 of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, No. 17 of 1951 (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment"), is hereby amended, in sub-section (6), by the substitution, for the words "if the declaration is made not later than fifty years from the date of the birth to which the declaration relates," of the words "if the birth to which the declaration relates occurred not earlier than the first day of January, 1868,".

Amendment
of section
24 (6) of
Act No. 17
of 1951.

3. Section 56 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the repeal of sub-section (1), and the substitution therefor, of the following new sub-section:—

Amendment
of section
56 of the
principal
enactment.

" (1) Any person shall be entitled, on making a written application to the appropriate District Registrar or to the appropriate Additional District Registrar or to the appropriate Registrar, and under such conditions and on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, to refer to any book or document in the possession of such District Registrar, Additional District Registrar or Registrar, and kept under this Act or under any past Ordinance, and to demand a certified copy of, or a certified extract from, any entry in such book or document. The Registrar-General or an Assistant Registrar-General may, on payment of such fees as may be prescribed, issue a certified copy of or a certified extract from, any registration entry. "

4. Section 57 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of sub-section (1), and the substitution therefor, of the following new sub-section:—

Amendment
of section
57 of the
principal
enactment.

" (1) A certified copy of or a certified extract from, a registration entry obtained under section 56 of this Act shall be received as *prima facie*

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evidence of the birth, death or still-birth to which that copy or extract relates if that entry purports to have been made in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and that copy or the extract purports to have been made under the hand of the Registrar-General, or an Assistant Registrar-General, or the appropriate District Registrar, or the appropriate Additional District Registrar, or under the hand of the appropriate Registrar and countersigned by the Registrar-General, or an Assistant Registrar-General, or the appropriate District Registrar or Additional District Registrar. ”.

Amendment
of section
70 of the
principal
enactment.

5. Section 70 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution, for the definition of “appropriate District Registrar”, of the following:—

“ “appropriate District Registrar” or “appropriate Additional District Registrar”, in relation to any matter concerning a birth, death or still-birth mentioned in this Act, means the District Registrar or Additional District Registrar of the district in which such birth, death or still-birth took place; ’.