



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

ANIMALS (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Animals Act, No. 29 of 1958

*Presented by the Minister of Agriculture, Livestock,
Lands and Irrigation on 21st of July, 2026*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends section 38 of the Animals Act, No. 29 of 1958 and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provisions to apply the provisions of Part II to goats, pigs and sheep by adding those to the definition of the term “animal”.

Animals (Amendment)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE ANIMALS ACT, NO. 29 OF 1958

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Animals (Amendment) Act, No. of 2026. Short title

5 2. Section 38 of the Animals Act, No. 29 of 1958 is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of the term “animal”, of the following new definition:- Amendment of section 38 of Act, No. 29 of 1958

““animal” means a neat cattle (ela haraka) or a buffalo and includes –

- 10 (a) in Part II, a goat, pig or sheep; and
- (b) in Part IV, a sheep, goat, pig or poultry;”.

3. 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

