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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

UNIVERSITIES (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITIES
ACT, No. 16 OF 1978

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Universities Short title.
(Amendment) Act, No. of 2016.

5 **2.** Section 75 of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 Replacement
(hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby of section 75
repealed and the following new section is substituted 16 of 1978.
therefor:—

10 “Retirement
of persons
other than
teachers. 75. (1) The retirement age of a public officer
as may be determined by the Government, from
time to time, shall apply with effect from the
same date as applicable to a public officer in
respect of the retirement age of the holder of
any post, other than that of a teacher.

15 (2) (a) the Commission or the governing
authority of any Higher Educational
Institution to which the holder of such post is
attached or in the case where such person is
attached to a Higher Educational Institute, the
20 governing authority of the Higher Educational
Institution to which such institute is affiliated
may based on the recommendations of the
Institute suspend the holder of such post
pending an inquiry by the Commission or such
25 governing authority or the Institute, as the case
may be, for misconduct, inefficiency or
dereliction of duty; or

(b) Where such holder of post is found guilty after such inquiry, the Commission, the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which such person is attached or in the case where such person is attached to a Higher Educational Institute, the governing authority of the Higher Educational Institution to which such Institute is affiliated, as the case may be, may on resolution adopted by the Commission or the governing authority of the relevant Higher Educational Institution, dismiss or compulsorily retire the holder of such post.”.

3. Section 147 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after the definition, “governing authority”, the following new definition:—

Amendment of section 147 of the principal enactment.

“ “Higher Educational Institute” means an institute for higher learning established or deemed to be established under section 24A or 24B of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978;”.

4. 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.

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