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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**REVOCATION OF IRREVOCABLE DEEDS OF GIFT  
ON THE GROUND OF GROSS INGRATITUDE**

**A**

**BILL**

**to provide for the revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the ground  
of Gross Ingratitude and for matters connected therewith and incidental  
thereto.**

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REVOCATION OF IRREVOCABLE DEEDS OF GIFT  
ON THE GROUND OF GROSS INGRATITUDE AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED  
THEREWITH AND INCIDENTAL THERETO

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Revocation of Irrevocable Deeds of Gift on the ground of Gross Ingratitude Act, No. of 2017. Short title.
2. An irrevocable deed of gift may be revoked on the ground of gross ingratitude, only on an Order made by a competent court, in an action filed by the donor of such deed against the donee to have the said deed revoked. Revocation of an irrevocable deed of gift by a competent court.
3. Court shall not entertain an action referred to in section 2, unless it is filed within a period of ten years from the date of the execution of such deed of gift and within two years from the date on which the cause of action arose. Time period within which action shall be filed.
4. (1) The plaintiff in an action instituted under the provisions of this Act shall file or cause to be filed in court with the plaint, an application for registration of *lis pendens*— Plaintiff to apply for registration of the action as a *lis pendens* in courts.
- (a) addressed to the Registrar of Lands of the district in which the deed which is sought to be revoked is registered; or
- (b) where the deed sought to be revoked is not registered, addressed to the Registrar of Lands of the district in which the land referred to in such deed is situated.

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(2) The application referred to in subsection (1), shall be in triplicate and marked “original”, “1st copy” and “2nd copy” and shall be substantially in the form set out in the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117) and  
5 shall contain a blank space for the insertion of the number to be assigned to the action by the court.

5. Every action filed under the provisions of this Act shall be proceeded with and regulated by the procedure provided for in the Civil Procedure Code (Chapter 101).      Application of the Civil Procedure Code.

10    6. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—      Interpretation.

15            “Registrar of Lands” means the Registrar of Lands appointed under the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117) and having jurisdiction over the district in which the land which forms the subject matter of an irrevocable deed of gift which is sought to be revoked is situated; and

20            “Land” shall have the same meaning as in the Registration of Documents Ordinance (Chapter 117).

7. 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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