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**SUPPLEMENT**

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP AND BISHOPS OF CEYLON  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon  
Ordinance.**

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*Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops  
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A LAW TO AMEND THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP  
AND BISHOPS OF CEYLON ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS a portion of the area hitherto under the Preamble.  
Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic  
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AND WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Roman  
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10 to provide for the incorporation of the Bishop of  
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BE it, therefore, enacted by the National State  
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1. This Law may be cited as the Roman Catholic Short title.  
15 Archbishop and Bishops of Ceylon (Amendment) Law,  
No. of 1976.

2. The Roman Catholic Archbishop and Bishops Insertion of  
new section  
3A in  
Chapter 338.  
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principal enactment ”, is hereby amended by the  
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25 3A. The Roman Catholic Bishop of  
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and his successors duly appointed  
according to the laws and usages of the  
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35 take, hold and enjoy movable and immo-  
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3. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 5, and shall have effect as section 5A, of the principal enactment:—

Insertion  
of new  
section 5A  
in the  
principal  
enactment.

5 Vesting of  
property in  
the Bishop of  
Badulla.

5A. All property, both movable and immovable already acquired, held or possessed by the said Right Reverend Doctor Dom Leo Nanayakkara, O.S.B., in his official capacity shall, subject to any trust or condition affecting the same, vest in the said Bishop of Badulla.”

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4. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 6  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

(1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) of that section; and

15 (2) by the insertion, immediately after the renumbered subsection (1), of the following new subsection:—

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“ (2) Any instrument of conveyance, transfer or assignment executed by the Bishop of Kandy in favour of the Bishop of Badulla of all the property movable or immovable which by reason of the creation of the Diocese of Badulla becomes subject to the administration of the Bishop of Badulla, shall be deemed to be an instrument chargeable under Part I, item 23 (7) of Schedule A to the Stamp Ordinance.”

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