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INGRATITUDE ACT, No. 5 OF 2017**

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ground of Gross Ingratitude Act, No. 5 of 2017*

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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. 5 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 shall contain a blank space for the insertion of the number to be assigned to the action by the court.

Application of the Civil Procedure Code.

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).

Interpretation.

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

“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

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

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

7. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

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