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AN ACT TO AMEND THE DIVINEGUMA  
ACT, NO. 1 OF 2013

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

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Divineguma (Amendment) Act, No. 2 of 2017. Short title.
- 2.** The Long title to the Divineguma Act, No. 1 of 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:— Amendment of the Long title to Act, No. 1 of 2013.

  - (1) by the substitution for the expression “DEPARTMENT OF DIVINEGUMA DEVELOPMENT” of the expression “DEPARTMENT OF SAMURDHI DEVELOPMENT”; and
  - (2) by the substitution for the word “DIVINEGUMA” of the word “SAMURDHI”.
- 3.** The second paragraph of the Preamble of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “AND WHEREAS, Divineguma intends” of the words “AND WHEREAS, Samurdhi intends”. Amendment of the Preamble of the principal enactment.
- 4.** (1) In the principal enactment and any other written law there shall be substituted— General amendments to the principal enactment and other written law.

  - (a) for the expression “Department of Divineguma Development” of the expression “Department of Samurdhi Development”;

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- (b) for the expression “Divineguma National Council” of the expression “Samurdhi National Council”;
- (c) for the expression “divineguma community based organizations” of the expression “samurdhi community based organizations”;
- (d) for the expression “divineguma regional organizations” of the expression “samurdhi regional organizations”;
- (e) for the expression “divineguma district committees” of the expression “samurdhi district committees”;
- (f) for the expression “Divineguma National Federation” of the expression “Samurdhi National Federation”;
- (g) for the expression “divineguma community based banks” of the expression “samurdhi community based banks”;
- (h) for the expression “divineguma community based banking societies” of the expression “samurdhi community based banking societies”;
- (i) for the expression “Board of Management of the Divineguma Community Based Banks and Divineguma Community Based Banking Societies” of the expression “Board of Management of the Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Samurdhi Community Based Banking Societies”;
- (j) for the expression “Divineguma Community Based Banking Union” of the expression “Samurdhi Community Based Banking Union”;
- (k) for the expression “Divineguma Development Fund” of the expression “Samurdhi Development Fund”;

- (l) for the expression “Divineguma Revolving Fund” of the expression “Samurdhi Revolving Fund”;
- (m) for the expression “divineguma beneficiary” of the expression “samurdhi beneficiary”; and
- (n) for the word “divineguma” of the word “samurdhi”,

wherever such expressions or words appear in the principal enactment and other written laws.

(2) Every reference to the “Divineguma Act”, “Department of Divineguma Development”, “Divineguma National Council”, divineguma community based organizations”, “divineguma regional organizations”, “divineguma district committees”, “Divineguma National Federation”, “divineguma community based banks”, “divineguma community based banking societies”, “Board of Management of the Divineguma Community Based Banks and Divineguma Community Based Banking Societies”, “Divineguma Community Based Banking Union”, “Divineguma Development Fund”, “Divineguma Revolving Fund”, “divineguma beneficiary” and “divineguma”, in any notice, notification, contract, communication or other document, shall be read and construed as a reference respectively to the “Samurdhi Act”, “Department of Samurdhi Development”, “Samurdhi National Council”, “samurdhi community based organizations”, “samurdhi regional organizations”, “samurdhi district committees”, “Samurdhi National Federation”, “samurdhi community based banks”, “samurdhi community based banking societies”, “Board of Management of the Samurdhi Community Based Banks and Samurdhi Community Based Banking Societies”, “Samurdhi Community Based Banking Union”, “Samurdhi Development Fund”, “Samurdhi Revolving Fund”, “samurdhi beneficiary” and “samurdhi”.

**5.** 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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