

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the Finance Act, No. 35 of 2018.

PART I
AMENDMENT OF PART II OF THE FINANCE ACT, NO. 25 OF 2003

2. Amendment of section 11 of Act, No. 25 of 2003.

Part II (Imposition of Tourism Development Levy) of the Finance Act, No. 25 of 2003 (hereinafter in this Part referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended in section 11—

- (1) by the renumbering of section 11 as subsection (1) thereof;
- (2) in the second proviso of renumbered subsection (1) by the substitution for the words "rupees three million" of the words "rupees three million, for the period ending on December 31, 2018.";
- (3) by the insertion immediately after the second proviso to that subsection of the following new proviso—

"Provided further, from and after January 1, 2019, such levy shall be charged from any institution having an annual turnover of not exceeding rupees twelve million or a quarterly turnover not exceeding rupees three million at the rate of 0.5 per centum on such turnover of such institution.";

- (4) by the insertion immediately after renumbered subsection (1), of the following new subsection—

"(2) From and after January 1, 2019, there shall be levied from every institution licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 a levy of one per centum on the turnover of such institutions in any year, to be called the Tourism Development Levy:

Provided however, such levy shall not be charged on the commission carried on the sale of airline tickets from Travel Agents including General Sales Agents licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005:

Provided further, such levy shall be charged from any institution having an annual turnover of not exceeding rupees twelve million or a quarterly turnover not exceeding three million, at the rate of 0.5 per centum on such turnover of such institution."; and

- (5) by the repeal of the marginal note of that section and the substitution therefor of the following—

"Imposition of Levy on institutions, licensed under Tourism Development Act and Tourism Act".

3. Amendment of section 12 of the principal enactment.

Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor, of the following subsections—

- "(2) The Director General of the Ceylon Tourist Board shall—

- (a) retain the levy so collected under subsection (1), other than the levy collected from the online travel agents licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 and the levy collected at the rate of 0.5 per centum under section 11; and

- (b) remit the levy collected from the online travel agents licensed under the Tourism Act, No. 38 of 2005 and the levy collected at the rate of 0.5 per centum under section 11, to the Consolidated Fund.

- (3) The Director General of the Ceylon Tourist Board shall furnish such returns in such manner as may be prescribed in that behalf to the Deputy Secretary to the Treasury, within thirty days of the date on which such amount is collected."

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