

**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF**   
**SRI LANKA**

**PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 25 OF 2021**

**[Certified on 26th of October, 2021]**

*Printed on the Order of Government*

Published as a Supplement to Part II of the **Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka** of October 29, 2021

PRINTEDATTHEDEPARTMENTOFGOVERNMENTPRINTING, SRILANKA   
TOBEPURCHASEDATTHEGOVERNMENTPUBLICATIONSBUREAU, COLOMBO5

**Price : Rs. 5.00**  **Postage : Rs. 15.00**

*This Act can be downloaded from* www.documents.gov.lk 

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| *Penal Code (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2021* | 1 |

(Certified on 26th of October, 2021)   
L.D.—O. 12/2021   
 AN ACTTOAMENDTHE PENAL CODE (CHAPTER 19)

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

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Penal Code (Amendment) | | | Short title  Replacement of section 53 of  Chapter 19 |
| Act, No. 25 of 2021. | | | |
| **2.** | Section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) is hereby | | |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:– | | | |
| “Punishment | | 53. | (1) Sentence of death shall not be |
| of detention  in lieu of  death for  persons  under | | pronounced on or recorded against any person who, is under the age of eighteen years, at the time of the commission of an offence by such person. | |

eighteen   
years of age

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| (2) | | The court shall, in lieu of sentencing | Sinhala text to  prevail in case of inconsistency |
| such person to death, sentence him to be detained in an institution established under any written law for the detention of persons under the age of eighteen years, for a period specified in the sentence and subject to the provisions of such written law.”. | | |
| **3.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| 2 | *Penal Code (Amendment) Act, No. 25 of 2021* |

English Acts of the Parliament can be purchased at the “PRAKASHANA PIYASA”, DEPARTMENTOF GOVERNMENT PRINTING, NO. 118, DR. DANISTER DE SILVA MAWATHA, COLOMBO 8.