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**SRI LANKA**

**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 38 OF 2022**

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE CODEOF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE   
ACT, NO. 15 OF 1979

BEit enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Short title

Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 38 of 2022.

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| **2.** Section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the | Amendment of section 281 of Act, No. 15 of 1979 |

words, “appears to the court to be under the age of eighteen years,” of the words “is under the age of eighteen years, at the time of the commission of such offence by such person,”.

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| **3.** Section 286 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures, “In this section and in section 288 the expression” of the words | Amendment of section 286 of the principal  enactment |

“In this section the expression”.

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| **4.** Section 288 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:– | Replacement of section 288 of the principal |

enactment

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| “Execution  of sentences under section 53 of the  Penal Code  (Chapter 19) | 288. When any person has been sentenced under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19), such person shall 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.”.

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| Sinhala text to  prevail in case  of inconsistency | **5.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. |

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