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**SRI LANKA**

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**ABOLITION OF DEATH PENALTY**

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**BILL**

**to abolish the death penalty and to make consequential provisions**

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*Presented by Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda, M. P.*   
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| *Abolition of Death Penalty* | 1 |

AN ACTTOABOLISHTHEDEATHPENALTYANDTOMAKE

CONSEQUENTIALPROVISIONS

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist

Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

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| **1.** | This Act may be cited as the Abolition of Death | Short title. |

Penalty Act, No. of 2019.

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| 5 | **2.** | The reference in any Act to the imposition of the | Abolition of |
| death penalty or punishment by death, shall, from and after | | the death |
| penalty. |
| the coming into force of this Act, be amended and construed | |

as punishment by imprisonment for life.

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| 10 | **3.** | (*a*) Any person in respect of whom a sentence of death | Transitional |
| has been imposed prior to the coming into force of this Act, | | Provisions. |

shall be deemed to be a person sentenced to imprisonment

for life in respect of such offence.

(*b*) Any person who has committed, prior to the coming

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| 15 | into force of this Act, an offence punishable with death, but in respect of whom a sentence of punishment has not yet |

been imposed by Court, shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable with imprisonment for life.

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| **4.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text to prevail in case of |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | |

inconsistency.

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