

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

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**FACTORIES (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128)**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause repeals paragraph (*b*) of section 67 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of that section as amended is to broaden the choice of hours which a young person can work within a day.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends subsection (1) of section 68 of the principal enactment and legal effect of that section is to avoid repetition of the age of young persons.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends subsection (1) of section 71 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 3.

*Clause 5* : This clause repeals section 77 of the principal enactment.

*Clause 6* : This clause amends paragraph (*c*) of section 86 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 3.

*Clause 7* : This clause amends subsection (1) of section 127 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of that section as amended is to amend the definition of the expression“young person” to change the age to be within the ages of sixteen to eighteen years.

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| *Factories (Amendment)* | 1 |

L.D.—O. 35/2018

AN ACTTOAMENDTHE FACTORIES ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 128)

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 Factories (Amendment) | Short title. |

Act, No. of 2020.

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| 5 | **2.** | Section 67 of the Factories Ordinance (Chapter 128) | Amendment |
| (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | | of section 67 |
| of Chapter |
| amended by the repeal of paragraph (*b*) and the substitution | |
| 128. |

therefor of the following paragraph:-

“(*b*) in the case of young persons the period of

10 employment shall not exceed twelve hours in any day and shall neither begin earlier than 6 a.m. nor end later than 8 p.m., and on one day in the week, the period of employment shall end by 1 p.m.;”.

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| 15 | **3.** | Section 68(1) of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended as follows:— | | of section 68 |
| of the |
| (1) | by the repeal of the words “who have attained | principal |
| enactment. |

sixteen years of age but have not attained eighteen   
years of age”.

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| 20 | (2) | in the proviso to that subsection by the repeal of the |
| words “who has attained the age of sixteen years |

but not attained the age of eighteen years,”.

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| **4.** | Section 71(1) of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment of section 71 of the  principal |
| amended in the proviso to that section by the repeal of the words “who has attained the age of sixteen”. | |

enactment.

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| 2 | *Factories (Amendment)* | Repeal of  section 77 of the principal |
| **5.** | Section 77 of the principal enactment is hereby |
| repealed. | |

enactment.

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| 5 | **6.** | Section 86 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended in paragraph (*c*) thereof by the repeal of the words | | of section 86 |
| of the |
| “and as if the references to young persons included references | |
| principal |
| 10 | to all persons who had not attained the age of eighteen”. | | enactment. |
| **7.** | Section 127 of the principal enactment is hereby | Amendment |
| amended in subsection (1) thereof by the repeal of the | | of section |
| 127 of the |
| definition of the expression “young person”, and the | |
| principal |
| substitution therefor, of the following definition:- | |
| enactment. |

“ “young person” means a person who has attained   
the age of sixteen years but is under the age of   
eighteen years;”.

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| 15 | **8.** | In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala | Sinhala text |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | | to prevail in |
| case of |
| inconsistency. |

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| *Factories (Amendment)* | 3 |

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