

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

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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**   
**(AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979**

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*Presented by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and*   
*Constitutional Reforms on 21st of June, 2022*

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**[Bill No. 122]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2*: This clause amends section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision for the court to pronounce the sentence as provided for in section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) in respect of a person who is under the age of eighteen years, at the time of commission by such person of an offence punishable by death.

*Clause 3*: This clause amends section 286 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 4.

*Clause 4*: This clause amends section 288 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision to detain any person sentenced under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) in an institution established under any written law for the detention of persons under the age of eighteen years.

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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: -

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| 5 | **1.** This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal | | Short title |
| Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. of 2022. | | Amendment |
| **2.** Section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, | |
| of section |
| No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal | |
| 281 of Act, |
| enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the | |
| No. 15 of |
| 10 | words, “appears to the court to be under the age of eighteen | | 1979 |
| years,” of the words “is under the age of eighteen years, | |
| at the time of the commission of such offence by such | |
| 15 | person,”. | | Amendment |
| **3.** Section 286 of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| of section |
| amended by the substitution for the words and figures, “In | |
| 286 of the |
| this section and in section 288 the expression” of the words | |
| principal |
| “In this section the expression”. | | enactment |
| 20 | **4.** Section 288 of the principal enactment is hereby | | Replacement of section  288 of the  principal  enactment |
| repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:– | |
| “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 25 written law.”.

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| 2 | *Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)* | 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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