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AN ACT TO SUSPEND THE IMPOSITION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER AND THE ABETMENT OF SUICIDE AND TO PRESCRIBE OTHER PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE OFFENCES.

[Date of Assent: May 9, 1958]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Suspension of Capital Punishment Act, No. 20 of 1958.

Short title

2. During the continuance in force of this Act—

(a) capital punishment shall not be imposed under section 296 of the Penal Code for the commission of murder and under section 299 of the Penal Code for the abetment of suicide, and

Suspension of capital punishment for murder and abetment of suicide and imposition of rigorous imprisonment for life for those offences.

(b) section 296 and section 299 of the Penal Code shall have effect as if, for the word "death," occurring in each of those sections, there were substituted the words "rigorous imprisonment for life."

3. This Act shall continue in force for three years and shall then expire:

Duration of Act.

Provided, however, that if the Senate and the House of Representatives by resolution so declare, this Act shall continue in force for such further period as may be specified in such resolution.