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AN ACT TO RESTRICT THE TAKING OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CERTAIN PERSONS IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN ACTS AND MATTERS DONE OR PURPORTED TO BE DONE WITH A VIEW TO RESTORING LAW AND ORDER DURING THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 1977, TO AUGUST 31, 1977, CONSEQUENT UPON THE EXISTENCE OF WIDE SPREAD DISORDER AND LAWLESSNESS IN THE COUNTRY.

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Indemnity Act, No. 20 of 1982. Short title.

2. No action or other legal proceeding whatsoever, whether civil or criminal, shall be instituted in any court of law for or on account of or in respect of any act, matter or thing, whether legal or otherwise, done or purported to be done with a view to restoring law and order during the period August 1, 1977, to August 31, 1977, if done in good faith, by a Minister, Deputy Minister or person holding office under or employed in the service of the Government of Sri Lanka in any capacity whether, naval, military, air force, police or civil, or by any person acting in good faith under the authority of a direction of a Minister, Deputy Minister or a person holding office or so employed and done or purported to be done in the execution of his duty or for the enforcement of law and order or for the public safety or otherwise in the public interest and if any such action or legal proceeding has been instituted in any court of law whether before or after the date of commencement of this Act every such action or legal proceeding shall be deemed to be discharged and made null and void. Restrictions on the taking of legal proceedings against persons acting in good faith.

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