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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 Maternity Benefits Short title. (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 1966.
- 2. Section 21 of the Maternity Benefits Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after the definition of "special officer", of the following new definition:—

Amendment of section 21 of Chapter 140.

- "viable foetus" means a foetus of at least twenty-eight weeks' gestation and, in the event of there being any doubt, one of the following conditions shall be satisfied for a foetus to be considered twenty-eight weeks old:—
 - (a) the length of the foetus shall be at least twelve inches; or
 - (b) the weight of the foetus shall be at least two pounds.'.