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An Act to repeal the Suspension of Capital Punishment Act, No. 20 of 1958, and to provide for certain matters connected therewith.

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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 Suspension of Capital Punishment (Repeal) Act, No. 25 of 1959.

Short title.

2. The Suspension of Capital Punishment Act, No. 20 of 1958, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of Act No. 20 of 1958.

- 3. Notwithstanding anything in any other written law, capital punishment shall be imposed—
 - (a) under section 296 of the Penal Code on every person who, on or after the date of the commencement of this Act, is convicted of the offence of murder committed prior to that date; and
 - (b) under section 299 of the Penal Code on every person who, on or after that date, is convicted of the offence of abetment of suicide committed prior to that date.

Imposition of capital punishment on persons convicted, on or after the date of the commencement of this Act, of the offence of murder or abetment of suicide committed prior to that date.