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AN ACT TO AMEND THE KNIVES ORDINANCE.

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Knives (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 1983. **Short title.**

2. Section 3 of the Knives Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :— **Replacement of section 3 of Chapter 27.**

"Penalty for wearing &c. prohibited knives.

3. Any person who carries on or about his person, or wears, any prohibited knife, shall be guilty of an offence, and shall be liable on conviction thereof, to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding one month and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding fifty rupees, and for the second and any subsequent offence to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding three months and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred rupees ; and in every prosecution under this section the prohibited knife in respect of which such person is convicted shall be forfeited."

3. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :— **Replacement of section 7 of the principal enactment.**

"Court for trial of offences.

7. Every offence alleged to have been committed against the provisions of this Ordinance shall be triable by the Magistrate's Court having local jurisdiction."

4. Section 8 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :— **Replacement of section 8 of the principal enactment.**

"Offenders under this Ordinance not to be discharged with admonition or conditionally.

8. The provisions of sections 306 to 309 (inclusive of both) of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979, shall not apply to a person charged with an offence under this Ordinance."

Replacement
of Section
10 of the
principal
enactment.

5. Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor :—

" Limitation
of prosecu-
tions.

10. No prosecution shall be instituted against any person for an offence against this Ordinance after the lapse of three months from the time when the offence is alleged to have been committed."