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## Masters Attendant (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 1955

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MASTERS ATTENDANT  
ORDINANCE.

Chapter 262.  
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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 Masters Attendant (Amendment) Act, No. 27 of 1955.

Short title.

2. The Masters Attendant Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after section 28 of that Ordinance, of the following section which shall have effect as section 28A:—

Insertion of  
new section  
28A in  
Chapter 262.

" Damage to  
harbour, etc.

28A. (1) Where any damage to any harbour, dock, pier, quay or works connected therewith is done by any vessel or by any person employed in any vessel and acting in the course of his employment,—

(a) the owner of that vessel shall be liable, and

(b) if that damage is done through the wilful act or the negligence of the master of that vessel, such master shall also be liable,

to pay to the Master Attendant the actual or estimated cost of repairing that damage:

Provided, however, that where such damage is done by any vessel while it is in the charge of a pilot appointed under the Pilots Ordinance and the owner of that vessel proves that such damage is due to the wilful act or the negligence of such pilot, such owner shall not be subject to the liability imposed by the preceding provisions of this sub-section.

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(2) Where the owner or master of any vessel incurs a liability under sub-section (1), the Master Attendant may detain that vessel until sufficient security is given for the discharge of that liability."