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*(Private Member's Bill)*

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**BILL**

**to abolish the death penalty and to make consequential provisions**

*To be presented in Parliament by Hon. Bandula Lal Bandarigoda, M. P.  
for Galle District*

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## *Abolition of Death Penalty*

### AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY AND TO MAKE CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Abolition of Death Penalty Act, No.     of 2019. Short title.
- 5    2. The reference in any Act to the imposition of the death penalty or punishment by death, shall, from and after the coming into force of this Act, be amended and construed as punishment by imprisonment for life. Abolition of the death penalty.
- 10    3. (a) Any person in respect of whom a sentence of death has been imposed prior to the coming into force of this Act, shall be deemed to be a person sentenced to imprisonment for life in respect of such offence. Transitional Provisions.
- 15    (b) Any person who has committed, prior to the coming into force of this Act, an offence punishable with death, but in respect of whom a sentence of punishment has not yet been imposed by Court, shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable with imprisonment for life.
4. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

