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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(AMENDMENT)**

A

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to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision for the court to pronounce the sentence as provided for in section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) in respect of a person who is under the age of eighteen years, at the time of commission by such person of an offence punishable by death.

Clause 3: This clause amends section 286 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 4.

Clause 4: This clause amends section 288 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the amendment is to make provision to detain any person sentenced under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) in an institution established under any written law for the detention of persons under the age of eighteen years.

Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
ACT, No. 15 OF 1979

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. of 2022.

Short title

5 2. Section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the words, “appears to the court to be under the age of eighteen years,” of the words “is under the age of eighteen years,
10 at the time of the commission of such offence by such person,”.

Amendment
of section
281 of Act,
No. 15 of
1979

3. Section 286 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures, “In this section and in section 288 the expression” of the words
15 “In this section the expression”.

Amendment
of section
286 of the
principal
enactment

4. Section 288 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:-

Replacement
of section
288 of the
principal
enactment

“Execution of sentences under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19)
20 288. When any person has been sentenced under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19), such person shall be detained in an institution established under any written law for the detention of persons under the age of eighteen years, for a period specified in the sentence and subject to the provisions of such
25 written law.”.

2 *Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)*

5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and the Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency

