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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE  
(AMENDMENT)**

**A  
BILL**

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

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Constitutional Reforms on 21st of August, 2024*

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 11 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No.15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 3.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 14 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the maximum fine that may be imposed by a Magistrate’s court.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 291 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the amounts specified in paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (1) and subsection (3) of that section.

*Clause 5* : This clause amends section 388 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the fines imposed on in the cases of contempt.

*Clause 6* : This clause amends First Schedule to the principal enactment and the legal effect of the amendment is to increase the penalties in respect of the offences under the Penal Code (Chapter 19) specified in that Schedule.

*Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment)*

L.D.—O. 18/2021

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 Short title  
Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024.

5        2. Section 11 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. Amendment  
15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal of section 11  
enactment”) is hereby amended as follows: - of Act, No.  
15 of 1979

(1) in paragraph (a) thereof-

10            (a) by the substitution in sub-paragraph (i), for  
the words “one thousand five hundred  
rupees,” of the words “one million rupees,”;

15            (b) by the substitution in sub-paragraph (ii), for  
the words “one thousand five hundred  
rupees,” of the words “one million rupees,”;  
and

(2) in sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) thereof, by the  
substitution for the words “one thousand five hundred  
rupees,” of the words “one million rupees.”.

3. Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (b) thereof, by the substitution for the words “one thousand five hundred rupees;”, of the words “one million rupees;”.      Amendment of section 14 of the principal enactment

5      4. Section 291 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: -      Amendment of section 291 of the principal enactment

(1) in subsection (1) -

10      (a) by the substitution in paragraph (c) thereof, for the words “ten rupees;”, of the words “three thousand rupees;”;

(b) in paragraph (f) thereof, by the repeal of subparagraphs (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) and the substitution therefor of the following subparagraphs: -

15      “(i) for a term of seven days where the amount of the fine exceeds three thousand rupees but does not exceed ten thousand rupees;

20      (ii) for any term not exceeding fourteen days where the amount of the fine exceeds ten thousand rupees but does not exceed twenty thousand rupees;

25      (iii) for any term not exceeding three months where the amount of the fine exceeds twenty thousand rupees but does not exceed fifty thousand rupees;

(iv) for any term not exceeding six months  
where the amount of the fine exceeds  
fifty thousand rupees;”;

(2) in subsection (3) thereof, by the substitution for the  
5 words “two hundred and fifty rupees”, of the words “two  
thousand rupees”.

5. Section 388 of the principal enactment is hereby  
amended in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution for  
the words from “if a District Court,” to the end of that  
10 subsection, of the words “to a fine not exceeding fifty  
thousand rupees and in default of payment to simple  
imprisonment which may extend to six months, unless such  
fine be sooner paid.”.

Amendment  
of section  
388 of the  
principal  
enactment

6. The First Schedule of the principal enactment is hereby  
15 amended in the Seventh (7) Column thereof, by the  
substitution, for the words specified in Column II of the  
Schedule hereto, of the words specified in the corresponding  
entry in Column III of the Schedule hereto, for the purpose  
of increasing penalties in respect of the offences under the  
20 Penal Code (Chapter 19) specified in the corresponding entry  
in Column I of the Schedule hereto.

Amendment  
of the First  
Schedule to  
the principal  
enactment

7. 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

**SCHEDULE**

[section 6]

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
<i>Section under the Penal Code and the Offence</i>	<i>Words Deleted</i>	<i>Words substituted</i>
137    Wearing the dress or carrying any token used by sailor, soldier or airman with intent that it may be believed that he is such sailor, soldier or airman	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
151    Owner or occupier of land not giving information of riot, &c.	one thousand rupees	ten thousand rupees
157    Committing affray	one hundred rupees	ten thousand rupees
165    Misconduct by public servant in Posts or Telecommunications Department	fifty rupees	twenty thousand rupees
169    Wearing garb or carrying token used by public servant with fraudulent intent	one hundred rupees	twenty five thousand rupees
169E   Bribery in connection with an election	five hundred rupees	one million rupees
If bribery by treating	two hundred rupees	seven hundred fifty thousand rupees
169F   Undue influence at an election	five hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
Personation at an election	three hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
169G   False statement in connection with an election	same	Fine

169H	Failure to keep election accounts	same	fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees
170	Absconding to avoid service of summons or order proceeding from a public servant	fifty rupees	fifty thousand rupees
	If summons or notice require attendance in person, &c., in a Court of Justice	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
171	Preventing the service or the affixing of any summons or notice or the removal of it when it has been affixed, or preventing a proclamation	one month, or fine of fifty rupees	six months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees
	If summons &c., require attendance in person, &c., in a Court of Justice	one hundred	fifty thousand rupees
172	Not obeying a legal order to attend at a certain place in person or by agent, or departing therefrom without authority	one month, or fine of fifty rupees	six months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees
	If the order require personal attendance, &c., in a Court of Justice	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees

173	Intentionally omitting to produce a document to a public servant by a person legally bound to produce or deliver such document  If the document is required to be produced in or delivered to a Court of Justice	one month, or fine of one hundred rupees  one hundred rupees	six months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees  fifty thousand rupees
174	Intentionally omitting to give notice or information to a public servant by a person legally bound to give such notice or information  If the notice or information required respects the commission of an offence, &c.	one month, or fine of fifty rupees  one hundred rupees	six months, or fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees  fifty thousand rupees
175	Knowingly furnishing false information to a public servant	same	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or both
176	Refusing oath when duly required to take oath by a public servant	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees



177	Being legally bound to state truth, and refusing to answer questions	same	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or both
178	Refusing to sign a statement made to a public servant when legally required to do so	one hundred rupees	twenty thousand rupees
180	Giving false information to a public servant in order to cause him to use his lawful power to the injury or annoyance of any person	one thousand rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
181	Resistance to the taking of property by the lawful authority of a public servant	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
182	Obstructing sale of property offered for sale by authority of a public servant	imprisonment of either description for one month, or fine of one hundred rupees	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees

183	Obstructing public servant in discharge of his public functions	imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of one hundred rupees	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to twenty five thousand rupees
184	Omission to assist public servant when bound by law to give such assistance  Willfully neglecting to aid a public servant who demands aid in the execution of process, the prevention of offences, &c.	one month, or fine of fifty rupees  one hundred rupees	three months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees  one hundred thousand rupees
185	Disobedience to an order lawfully promulgated by a public servant, if such disobedience causes obstruction, annoyance, or injury to persons lawfully employed	one month or fine of fifty rupees	three months, or with fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees

	If such disobedience causes danger to human life, health, or safety, &c.	imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine of one hundred rupees	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees
219A	Resistance or obstruction to lawful apprehension under a civil process	one hundred rupees	twenty thousand rupees
223	Intentional insult or interruption to a public servant sitting in any stage of a judicial proceeding	one thousand rupees	fifty thousand rupees
265	Adulterating food or drink intended for sale so as to make the same noxious	one hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
266	Selling any food or drink as food and drink, knowing the same to be noxious	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or both
267	Adulterating any drug or medical preparation intended for sale, so as to lessen its efficacy or to change its operation, or to make it noxious	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or both

268	Offering for sale, or issuing from a dispensary, any drug or medical preparation known to have been adulterated	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or both
269	Knowingly selling, or issuing from a dispensary any drug or medical preparation as a different drug or medical preparation	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or both
270	Defiling the water of a public spring or reservoir	imprisonment of either description for three months, or fine of fifty rupees or both	Simple imprisonment for a term which may extend to six months, or with fine which may extend to one hundred thousand rupees, or both
271	Making atmosphere noxious to health	one hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
272	Driving or riding on a public way so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life, &c.	imprisonment of either description for six months, or fine of one hundred rupees, or both	fine not less than twenty five thousand rupees, and not exceeding fifty thousand rupees, and on a second conviction to a fine not less than thirty thousand

			rupees and not exceeding seventy five thousand rupees and the suspension of his driving licence, and on a third or subsequent conviction to a fine not less than seventy five thousand rupees or to rigorous imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment and the cancellation of his driving licence.
273	Navigating any vessel so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life, &c.	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
275	Conveying for hire any person by water in a vessel in such a state, or so loaded, as to endanger his life	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
276	Causing danger, obstruction, or injury in any public way or line of navigation	fine of one hundred rupees	fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees

277	Dealing with any poisonous substance so as to endanger human life, &c.	one hundred rupees	fifty thousand rupees
278	Dealing with fire, or any combustible matter, so as to endanger human life, &c.	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or both
279	Dealing with any explosive substance so as to endanger human life, &c.	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to seventy five thousand rupees, or both
280	Dealing with any machinery so as to endanger human life, &c.	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or both
281	A person omitting to guard against probable danger to human life by the fall of any building over which he has a right entitling him to pull it down or repair it	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees, or both

282	A person omitting to take order with any animal in his possession, so as to guard against danger to human life, or of grievous hurt, from such animal	same	imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to six months, or fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees, or both
283	Committing a public nuisance	fifty rupees	twenty thousand rupees
314	Voluntarily causing hurt	one thousand rupees	fifty thousand rupees
325	Voluntarily causing hurt on grave and sudden provocation, not intending to hurt any other than the person who gave the provocation	fifty rupees	twenty thousand rupees
326	Causing grievous hurt on grave and sudden provocation, not intending to hurt any other than the person who gave the provocation	two thousand rupees	fifty thousand rupees
327	Doing any act rashly or negligently which endangers human life or the personal safety of others	one hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
328	Causing hurt by doing an act rashly or negligently which endangers human life, &c.	one hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees

329	Causing grievous hurt by doing an act rashly or negligently which endangers human life, &c.	one thousand rupees	one hundred fifty thousand rupees
332	Wrongfully restraining any person	fifty rupees	fifty thousand rupees
333	Wrongfully confining any person	one thousand rupees	five hundred thousand rupees
343	Assault or use of criminal force; otherwise than on grave provocation	fifty rupees	fifty thousand rupees
348	Assault or use of criminal force in attempt wrongfully to confine a person	one thousand rupees	five hundred thousand rupees
349	Assault or use of criminal force on grave and sudden provocation	fifty rupees	twenty thousand rupees
433	Criminal trespass	one hundred rupees	one hundred thousand rupees
434	House trespass	one thousand rupees	one hundred fifty thousand rupees



450	Being found in a building for unlawful purpose	fifty rupees	twenty thousand rupees
451	Loitering about by reputed thief	same	Imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three months, or fine which may extend to twenty thousand rupees, or both

