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PERSONS AND CHILDREN (AMENDMENT)
ACT, No. 24 OF 2006**

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L.D.—O. 22/2005.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN, YOUNG PERSONS
AND CHILDREN ACT, NO. 47 OF 1956

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Employment of Women,
Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Act, No. 24
of 2006.

Short title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted
immediately after section 20 of the Employment of Women,
Young Persons and Children Act, No. 47 of 1956, and shall
have effect as section 20A thereof :—

Insertion of new
section 20A in
Act, No. 47 of
1956.

“Prohibition
against
persons
under
eighteen
years of age
being
employed in
hazardous
occupations.

20A. (1) No person under the age of eighteen
years shall be employed in any hazardous
occupation, which shall be prescribed in
accordance with the guidelines specified in
subsection (2).

(2) In prescribing hazardous occupations for
purpose of the subsection (1), the Minister shall
take into consideration the nature or the
circumstances in which the occupation is being
carried out and the harm that may be caused as
a result thereof to the health, safety or morals of
a person referred to in subsection (1).

(3) Any person who employs a person under
the age of eighteen years in contravention of
subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of
offence and shall, on conviction after summary
trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not
exceeding ten thousand rupees or to
imprisonment of either description for a period
not exceeding twelve months or to both such
fine and imprisonment and shall in addition,
be ordered to pay as compensation of such
amount as may be determined by the
Magistrate, to the person in respect of whom
the offence was committed.”.

3. 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
any
inconsistency.

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