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**PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT)**

*(Private Members' Bill)*

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**BILL**

**to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19)**

*To be presented in Parliament by Hon. Premnath C. Dolawatte,  
M.P. for Colombo District*

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*Penal Code (Amendment)*

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL CODE ( CHAPTER 19 )

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Penal Code Short title (Amendment) Act, No. of 2023.

5      2. Sections 365 and 365A, of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment of the provisions regarding unnatural offences      (i) Section 365 in the principal enactment is hereby repealed and it is amended by substituting the following section:

10      “Whoever voluntarily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with an animal, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to ten years and shall also liable to fine.”.

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*Explanation:* Penetration is sufficient to constitute the carnal intercourse necessary to the offence described in this section.

20      Repealing of provisions regarding Gross Indecency between person      (ii) Section 365A of the principal enactment is hereby repealed.

Further disclaimer of doubts clause      (iii) The intent of the legislature in enacting this legislation must be considered as amending the provisions that makes sexual orientation a punishable offence.

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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  
inconsistency

