



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

**CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
(AMENDMENT)**

A

BILL

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

*Presented by the Minister of Justice, Prison Affairs and
Constitutional Reforms on 21st of June, 2022*

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

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

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repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:— of section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

20 “Execution of sentences under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) 288. When any person has been sentenced
under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) 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

