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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 19 OF 1997**

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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. 19 of 1997. Short title.

2. Section 303 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the " principal enactment ") is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words " is a mandatory sentence of imprisonment. ", of the words " is a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment. ". Amendment of section 303 of Act No. 15 of 1979.

3. The First Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :— Amendment of First Schedule to the principal enactment.

(1) by the omission, from Column 8 of that Schedule of the words " Magistrate's Court " appearing in the entries in that Column, corresponding to the entries in Column I of that Schedule, relating respectively, to sections 286A, 308A, 360A, 360B, 360C, 364, 364A and 365A ;

(2) by the repeal of all the entries relating to section 365 and the substitution therefor of the following entries :—

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" 365 Unnatural offences.	same	same	same	same	same	Imprisonment of either description up to ten years and fine.	Magistrate's Court".
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If the offence is committed by a person over eighteen years of age in respect of a person under sixteen years of age.	same	same	same	same	same	Rigorous Imprisonment for not less than ten years and not exceeding twenty years and fine and compensation.
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(3) by the repeal of all the entries relating to section 365A and the substitution thereof of the following entries :—

"365A Act of gross indecency by one person with another.	same	same	same	same	same	Imprisonment of either description up to two years or with fine or with both.	Magistrate's Court".
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If the offence is committed by a person over eighteen years of age in respect of a person under sixteen years of age.	same	same	same	same	same	Rigorous Imprisonment for not less than ten years and not exceeding twenty years and fine and compensation.
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Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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

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