



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
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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*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)*

L. D.-O. 80/2021

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 Procedure (Amendment) Act, No.     of 2022. Short title

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

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

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repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:-

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

