



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

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**PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

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

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**[Bill No. 242]**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause amends section 75 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) and the legal effect of the section as amended is to increase the age limit under which no act of a child is an offence.

*Clause 3:* This clause amends section 76 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to raise the age segment within which no act of a child is an offence, if the judge is of the opinion that he has not attained sufficient maturity to understand the nature and consequences of his act.

*Penal Code (Amendment)*

L. D.—O. 33/2016.

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 (Amendment) Act, No. of 2018. Short title.

5 2. Section 75 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution— Amendment of section 75 of Chapter 19.

(1) for the words “eight years” of the words “twelve years”; and

10 (2) in the marginal note thereof, for the words “eight years”, of the words “twelve years”.

3. Section 76 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution— Amendment of section 76 of the principal enactment.

15 (1) for the words “above eight years of age and under twelve,” of the words “above twelve years of age and under fourteen”; and

(2) in the marginal note thereof, for the words “above eight and under twelve” of the words “above twelve and under fourteen”.

20 4. 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.

