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AN ACT TO AMEND THE AGE OF MAJORITY ORDINANCE

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Age of Majority (Amendment) Act, No. 17 of 1989.

Short title.

2. The long title to the Age of Majority Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") is hereby amended, by the substitution, for the words "TWENTY-ONE YEARS", of the words "EIGHTEEN YEARS".

Amendment of long title to Chapter 66.

3. Section 2 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

Replacement of section 2 of the principal enactment.

"Eighteen years made the legal age of majority.

2. From and after the coming into force of this section, all persons when they shall attain, or who have already attained, the full age of eighteen years shall be deemed to have attained the legal age of majority, and except as is hereinafter excepted, no person shall be deemed to have attained his majority at an earlier period, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding:

Provided that, nothing in this Act shall be read and construed as affecting the right of any person under twenty-one years of age to receive any benefit he is entitled to under any other law."

4. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "twenty-one years", of the words "eighteen years".

Amendment of section 3 of the principal enactment.

5. 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.

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