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(AMENDMENT)  
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AN ACT TO AMEND THE KANDYAN MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE  
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 Kandyan Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 1995. Short title.

2. Section 4 of the Kandyan Marriage and Divorce Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection :— Amend-  
ment of  
section 4 of  
Chapter 113.

“ (1) No Kandyan marriage contracted after the coming into force of this subsection, shall be valid if, at the time of marriage—

(a) either party thereto is under the lawful age of marriage; or

(b) both parties thereto are under the lawful age of marriage.”.

3. Section 66 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the definition of “lawful age of marriage”, of the following definition :— Amend-  
ment of  
section 66  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

“lawful age of marriage” in relation to the male party and the female party to the marriage means eighteen years of age;’.

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 in-  
consistency.

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