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ACT, No. 38 OF 2022**

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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: -

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| <p><b>1.</b> This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 38 of 2022.</p>  | <p>Short title</p>  |
| <p><b>2.</b> Section 281 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, 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, at the time of the commission of such offence by such person,”.</p> | <p>Amendment of section 281 of Act, No. 15 of 1979</p>  |
| <p><b>3.</b> Section 286 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words and figures, “In this section and in section 288 the expression” of the words “In this section the expression”.</p>  | <p>Amendment of section 286 of the principal enactment</p>  |
| <p><b>4.</b> Section 288 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section is substituted therefor:—</p>   | <p>Replacement of section 288 of the principal enactment</p>  |
| <p>“Execution of sentences under section 53 of the Penal Code (Chapter 19)</p>   | <p>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.”.</p> |

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Sinhala text to  
prevail in case  
of inconsistency

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

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