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(AMENDMENT) ACT, No. 19 OF 1997**

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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 :—

1. This Act may be cited as the Code of Criminal procedure (Amendment) Act, No. 19 of 1997. Short title.

2. Section 303 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “ principal enactment ”) is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words “ is a mandatory sentence of imprisonment, ”, of the words “ is a mandatory minimum sentence of imprisonment, ”. Amendment of section 303 of Act No. 15 of 1979.

3. The First Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :— Amendment of First Schedule to the principal enactment.
 - (1) by the omission, from Column 8 of that Schedule of the words “ Magistrate’s Court ” appearing in the entries in that Column, corresponding to the entries in Column I of that Schedule, relating respectively, to sections 286A, 308A, 360A, 360B, 360C, 364, 364A and 365B ;

 - (2) by the repeal of all the entries relating to section 365 and the substitution therefor of the following entries :—

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"365 Unnatural same same same same Imprisonment Magistrate's
offences. of either des- Court";
cription up to
ten years and
fine.

If the offence same same same same Rigorous Im-
is committed prisonment
by a person for not less
over eighteen than ten years
years of age and not
in respect of exceeding
a person under twenty years
sixteen years and fine and
of age. compensation.

(3) by the repeal of all the entries relating to section 365A
and the substitution therefor of the following
entries :—

"365A Act of same same same same Imprisonment Magistrate's
gross idency of either des- Court".
by one person cription up to
with another. two years or
with fine or
with both.

If the offence is same same same same Rigorous Impri-
committed by sonment for
a person over notless than
eighteen years ten years and
of age in res- not exceeding
pect of a person twenty years
under sixteen and fine and
years of age. compensation.

Sinhala text to
prevail in case
of inconsistency.

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

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