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Children (Amendment) Act, No. 24 of 2006*

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L.D.—O. 22/2005.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN, YOUNG PERSONS  
AND CHILDREN ACT, NO. 47 OF 1956

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Employment of Women,  
Young Persons and Children (Amendment) Act, No. 24  
of 2006. Short title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted  
immediately after section 20 of the Employment of Women,  
Young Persons and Children Act, No. 47 of 1956, and shall  
have effect as section 20A thereof :— Insertion of new  
section 20A in  
Act, No. 47 of  
1956.

“Prohibition  
against  
persons  
under  
eighteen  
years of age  
being  
employed in  
hazardous  
occupations. 20A. (1) No person under the age of eighteen  
years shall be employed in any hazardous  
occupation, which shall be prescribed in  
accordance with the guidelines specified in  
subsection (2).

(2) In prescribing hazardous occupations for  
purpose of the subsection (1), the Minister shall  
take into consideration the nature or the  
circumstances in which the occupation is being  
carried out and the harm that may be caused as  
a result thereof to the health, safety or morals of  
a person referred to in subsection (1).

(3) Any person who employs a person under  
the age of eighteen years in contravention of  
subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of  
offence and shall, on conviction after summary  
trial before a Magistrate, be liable to a fine not  
exceeding ten thousand rupees or to  
imprisonment of either description for a period  
not exceeding twelve months or to both such  
fine and imprisonment and shall in addition,  
be ordered to pay as compensation of such  
amount as may be determined by the  
Magistrate, to the person in respect of whom  
the offence was committed.”.

3. 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  
any  
inconsistency.

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