

Age of Majority (Amendment)

Act No 17 of 1989

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 : "

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

Amendment of long title to chapter 66. **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 "TWENTYONE YEARS", of the words "EIGHTEEN YEARS".

Replacement of section 2 of the principal enactment, **3.** Section 2 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:"

Eighteen years made 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 twentyone years of age to receive any benefit he is entitled to under any other law. "

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

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