

AGE OF MAJORITY

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN YEARS THE LEGAL AGE OF MAJORITY IN SRI LANKA

Ordinance Nos,

7 of 1865

Act Nos,

[17 of 1989](#) [22nd November , 1989]

[20th October , 1865]

Short title. **1** This Ordinance may be cited as the Age of Majority Ordinance

Eighteen years **2.** From and after the coming into force of this section, all persons when they made the legal shall attain, or who have already attained, the full age of eighteen years shall age of majority, be deemed to have attained the legal age of majority, and, except as is [\[2.17 of 1989\]](#) 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 Ordinance shall be read and as affecting the right of any person under twenty-one years of age to receive any benefit he is entitled to under any other law.

Attainment of majority by **3.** Nothing herein contained shall extend or be Construed to operation of law not prevent any person under the age of eighteen years from attaining affected. his majority at an earlier period by operation of law

[\[3.17 of 1989\]](#)