



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF
SRI LANKA**

CODE OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979

*Presented by the Minister of Justice
on 11th December, 2015*

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends section 135 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) by including section 291c of the Penal Code in paragraph (e) of subsection (1) thereof, and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make the Attorney General’s sanction a pre-requisite to take cognizance of an offence punishable under section 291c.

Clause 3 : This clause amends the First Schedule to the principal enactment and makes an amendment consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

Code of Criminal Procedure
(Amendment)

L. D.—O. 40/2015.

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. of 2015. Short title.

5 2. Section 135 of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended in paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words and figures “any offence punishable under section 290A or section 291B of the Penal Code”, of the words and figures “any offence punishable under section 290A , 291B or 291C of the Penal Code”. Amendment of section 135 of Act, No. 15 of 1979.

15 3. The First Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after the entries relating to section 291B of the following new entries:— Amendment of the First Schedule to the principal enactment.

“291C	Causing of or instigating acts of violence or religious, racial or communal disharmony or feelings of ill-will or hostility by the use of words spoken, written or intended to be read, or by signs, or by visible representation or otherwise	Shall not arrest without warrant	Summons	Bailable	Not compoundable	Imprisonment of either description for two years	Magistrate’s Court.”.
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- 4.** 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
inconsistency.

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