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**PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 19)**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2:* This clause inserts new section 291c in the Penal Code (Chapter 19) and the legal effect of the section is to make provision to convict and punish persons who cause or instigate acts of violence or hostility which lead to religious, racial or communal disharmony between different racial or religious groups.

*Penal Code (Amendment)*

L. D.—O. 28/2015.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENAL CODE (CHAPTER 19)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Penal Code (Amendment) Act, No. of 2015. Short title.

5 2. The following section is hereby inserted immediately after section 291B of the Penal Code (Chapter 19) and shall have effect as section 291c of that Code:— Insertion of new section 291c in Chapter 19.

10 “Causing of or instigating acts of violence, hostility, etc. 291c. Whoever, by the use of words spoken, written or intended to be read, or by signs, or by visible representation, or otherwise, intends to cause or attempts to cause or instigates or attempts to instigate, acts of violence or religious, racial or communal disharmony, or feelings of ill-will or hostility, between communities or different classes of persons or different racial or religious groups, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to two years.”

20 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 inconsistency.

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