

PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST  
REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA

PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT )  
ACT, No. 22 OF 1995  
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(2) In this section----

"child" means a person under eighteen years of age: and "film" includes any form of video recording.'

3. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 308, and shall have effect as section 308 A of the principal enactment: ----

*308 A (1) Whoever, having the custody charge or care of any person under eighteen years of age, wilfully assaults, ill-treats, neglects or abandons such person or causes or procures such person to be assaulted, ill-treated, neglected or abandoned in a manner likely to cause him suffering or injury to health (including injury to, or loss of sight or hearing, or limb or organ of the body or any mental derangement), commits the offence of cruelty to children.*

*(2)Whoever commits the offence of cruelty to children shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term not less than two years and not exceeding ten years and may also be punished with fine and be ordered to pay compensation of an amount determined by court to the person in respect of whom the offence was committed for the injuries caused to such person."*

4. Section 311 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor: ----

*311. The following kinds of hurt only are designated as "grievous":----*

- emasculation;*
- permanent privation or impairment of the sight of either eye;*
- permanent privation or impairment of the hearing of either ear;*
- privation of any member or joint;*
- destruction or permanent impairment of the powers of any member or joint*
- permanent disfiguration of the head or face;*
- cut or fracture, of bone, cartilage or tooth or dislocation or subluxation, of bone, joint or tooth;*
- any injury, which endangers life or in consequence of which an operation involving the opening of the thoracic, abdominal or cranial cavities is performed;*
- any injury which causes the sufferer to be in severe bodily pain or unable to follow his ordinary pursuits, for a period of twenty days either because of the injury or any operation necessitated by the injury.'*