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AN ACT TO AMEND THE HOUSES OF DETENTION
ORDINANCE.

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BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Houses of Detention (Amendment) Act, No. 26 of 1955.

Short title.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 10 of the Houses of Detention Ordinance, and shall have effect as section 10A of that Ordinance:—

Insertion of
new section
10A in
Chapter 27.

“ Power to
arrest
persons escaping
from houses
of detention.

Cap. 16.

10A. (1) An officer appointed for the purposes of this Ordinance may arrest without a warrant any person who escapes from a house of detention in which he is detained. The provisions of sections 24, 25 and 27 of the Criminal Procedure Code shall apply to an arrest made under the preceding provisions of this sub-section, although the person making the arrest is not acting under a warrant and is not a peace officer having authority to arrest.

(2) Where a person is arrested under the provisions of sub-section (1) of this section, the officer arresting that person shall take him back to the house of detention from which he escaped and, in case such officer is a person other than the superintendent of that house, such officer shall hand him over to the superintendent.”