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**COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS
(AMENDMENT)**

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to amend the Community Based Corrections Act, No. 46 of 1999

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2: This clause amends the long title of the Community Based Corrections Act, No. 46 of 1999 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) by extending the scope of the Act to include the appointment of such other officers.

Clause 3: This clause amends the heading of Part I of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 4.

Clause 4: This clause amends section 2 of the principal enactment by providing for the appointment of community corrections officers.

Clause 5: This clause amends section 3 and its marginal note of the principal enactment by including community corrections officers for the purposes of that section.

Clause 6: This clause amends section 4 of the principal enactment by including community corrections officers, thereby extending the Commissioner’s control under section 4 to such officers.

Clause 7: This clause amends section 6 of the principal enactment thereby specifying that only officers may act under the authority of the Commissioner for the purposes of making inquiries and investigations.

Clause 8: This clause amends section 7 of the principal enactment to provide for the Court to refer the offender to the community corrections officer to apprise the offender of the order and allow forty eight hours period for the offender to indicate whether he consents it.

Clause 9: This clause amends section 9 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 4.

Clause 10: This clause amends section 10 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 4.

Clause 11: This clause amends section 14 of the principal enactment by increasing the fine from five thousand rupees to twenty five thousand rupees.

Clause 12: This clause amends the Schedule to the principal enactment in order to increase the existing fine range.

Community Based Corrections (Amendment)

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS
ACT, No. 46 OF 1999

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Community Based Corrections (Amendment) Act, No. of 2026.

Short title

5 2. The long title to the Community Based Corrections Act, No. 46 of 1999 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “**APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS;**”, of the words
10 “**APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS AND SUCH OTHER OFFICERS;**”.

Amendment
of the
long title to
Act, No. 46 of
1999

3. The heading appearing immediately before section 2 of Part I of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following heading is substituted therefor: –

Replacement
of the heading
of Part I of
the principal
enactment

15 “**COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY BASED
CORRECTIONS AND THE OTHER OFFICERS**”.

4. Section 2 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words “Assistant Commissioners of Community Based
20 Corrections and”, of the words “Assistant Commissioners of Community Based Corrections, Community Corrections Officers and”.

Amendment
of section 2 of
the principal
enactment

5. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment of section 3 of the principal enactment

- 5 (1) by the substitution for the words “Every Deputy Commissioner of Community Based Corrections and every Assistant Commissioner of Community Based Corrections may”, of the words “Every Deputy Commissioner of Community Based Corrections, Assistant Commissioner of Community Based Corrections and Community Corrections Officer may”; and
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- (2) in the marginal note to that section, by the substitution for the words “Deputy Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners.”, of the words “Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and Community Corrections Officers”.
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6. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in paragraph (a), by the substitution for the words “Assistant Commissioners of Community Based Corrections and”, of the words “Assistant Commissioners of Community Based Corrections, Community Corrections Officers and”.

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Amendment of section 4 of the principal enactment

7. Section 6 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (5) of that section, by the substitution for the words “or any person authorized by him”, of the words “or any officer authorized by him”.

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Amendment of section 6 of the principal enactment

8. Section 7 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: -

Amendment of section 7 of the principal enactment

- (1) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) of that section; and

- (2) by the addition immediately after renumbered subsection (1) of that section, of the following new subsections: -

5 “(2) The court shall refer the offender to
the community corrections officer assigned
to the court to apprise such offender of the
benefits of a community based correction
order under subsection (1) and such offender
shall thereafter inform the court whether he
10 consents to such an order being entered in
respect of him.

 (3) For the purpose of subsection (2),
the court shall provide a continuous period
of forty eight hours commencing from the
15 time the court refers the offender to the
community corrections officer excluding
Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.”.

9. Section 9 of the principal enactment is hereby amended
as follows:-

Amendment
of section 9 of
the principal
enactment

20 (1) in paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of that section,
by the substitution for the words “and receives
visits from, an officer” of the words “and
receives visits from a community corrections
officer or an officer”;

25 (2) in subsection (2) of that section –

 (a) by the substitution, in sub-paragraph (i)
for the words “as directed by the officer
in charge of the community correction
centre”, of the words “as directed by
30 the community corrections officer or

an officer in charge of the community correction centre; and

- (b) by the substitution, in sub-paragraph (ii) for the words “under the supervision of an officer”, of the words “under the supervision of a community corrections officer or an officer”.

10. Section 10 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “the officer in charge”, of the words “the community corrections officer, an officer authorized by the Commissioner or the officer in charge”.

Amendment of section 10 of the principal enactment

11. Section 14 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (1) of that section, by the substitution for the words “to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees.”, of the words “to a fine not exceeding twenty five thousand rupees.”.

Amendment of section 14 of the principal enactment

12. The Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following Schedule is substituted therefor: -

Replacement of the Schedule of the principal enactment

“SCHEDULE

[Section 9(3)]

	<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OR AMOUNT OF FINE	PERIOD OF UNPAID COMMUNITY WORK
1.	one year or more than one year	200 to 300 hours over a period of 1 year
2.	six months or more than six months but less than one year	100 to 200 hours over a period of 6 months
3.	less than six months	50 to 100 hours over period of 3 months

	<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
	TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OR AMOUNT OF FINE	PERIOD OF UNPAID COMMUNITY WORK
5	4. fifty thousand rupees	200 to 300 hours over a period of two years
	5. forty thousand rupees or more but less than fifty thousand rupees	150 to 200 hours over a period of one and a half years
10	6. thirty thousand rupees or more but less than forty thousand rupees	75 to 150 hours over a period of one year
	7. twenty thousand rupees or more but less than thirty thousand rupees	50 to 75 hours over a period of six months
15	8. less than twenty thousand rupees	50 to 75 hours over a period of three months

13. 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

