

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023**

*(Bill No. 3 of 2023)*

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF OBJECTS OF AND  
REASONS FOR THE BILL**

The object of this Bill is to amend section 295 (1) of the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap 54), in order to increase the period of imprisonment in default of a fine and costs from 6 months to 2 years

Upon the enactment of this Bill, persons convicted under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code and cannot pay the fine and costs will no longer be imprisoned for a period not exceeding 6 months in default of such payment. They will forthwith be sentenced to a period not exceeding 2 years imprisonment.

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.**

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**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

**SECTIONS**

1. Short title
2. Amendment of section 295

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**A BILL**

**FOR**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (CAP 54).**

**ENACTED** by the President and the National Assembly.

**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, 2023.

**Amendment of section 295**

**2.** Section 295 of the Criminal Procedure Code is amended in subsection (1) by repealing the words “six months” and substituting them with the words “two years”.