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AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONTROL OF PRICES ACT,  
No. 29 OF 1950.

[Date of Assent: October 25, 1957]

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 Control of Prices (Amendment) Act, No. 44 of 1957.

Short title.

2. Section 8 of the Control of Prices Act, No. 29 of 1950, is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
section 8 of  
Act No. 29 of  
1950.

(1) by the insertion, immediately after sub-section (5) of that section, of the following new sub-section:—

“(5A) The provision in section 72 of the Penal Code that nothing is an offence which is done by any person who, by reason of a mistake of fact and not by reason of a mistake of law in good faith believes himself to be justified by law in doing it, shall not apply in the case of offences under this Act.”;

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(2) in sub-section (6) of that section, by the substitution, for paragraph (a) of that sub-section, of the following new paragraph:—

“(a) for the first offence,—

(i) if it is the contravention of an Order under section 4 by selling an article above the maximum price fixed for that article by that Order or of a regulation for the prevention of the hoarding of an article for which the maximum price is fixed by such an Order, be liable to imprisonment of either description for a term not exceeding six months and

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in addition be liable to a fine not exceeding seven thousand five hundred rupees, and

- (ii) if it is an offence other than that specified in the immediately preceding subparagraph (i), be liable to the aforesaid imprisonment or the aforesaid fine or to both such fine and such imprisonment; and ”.