



THE GAMBIA  
NO. 19 OF 2015

Assented to by The President,

this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015



YAHYA A. J. J. JAMMEH.  
*President*

**AN ACT** to amend the Criminal Code, and for connected matters.

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

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act, 2015.

**2. Amendment of Cap. 10:01**

The Criminal Code (In this Act referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Act.

**3. Insertion of section 197A**

There is inserted immediately after section 197 of the Principal Act, a new section –

**“197A. Prohibition of baby dumping**

A person who wilfully and with the intention of disposing of a child within twenty four months of that child's birth –

- (a) discards;
- (b) throws; or
- (c) otherwise abandons,

the child in a public or private place commits a felony, and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for up to ten years with hard labour, with or without the option of a fine in the amount not exceeding D100,000 (one hundred thousand dalasi)”.

PASSED in the National Assembly this 29th day of December, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

*for: D.C.M. Kebbeh*

D. C. M. Kebbeh

*Clerk of the National Assembly.*

THIS PRINTED IMPRESSION has been carefully compared by me with the Bill which has passed in the National Assembly, and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.

*for: D.C.M. Kebbeh*

D. C. M. Kebbeh

*Clerk of the National Assembly.*