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*[Date of assent: 21st June, 2017.]**[Date of commencement: 7th July, 2017.]***AN ACT of Parliament to establish a National Coroners Service, to provide for its powers and functions and for connected purposes***[Act No. 18 of 2017.]*

PART I – PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the National Coroners Service Act, 2017.

2. Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to justice;

"Coroner" means the Coroner-General appointed under section 9 and the coroners appointed under section 15;

"custody" means detention or custody of a person in any place by the State and it includes custody of person while in transit;

"interested person" in relation to a deceased person or an investigation into a person's death, means—

- (a) a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, child of a brother or sister, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother or half-sister;
- (b) a personal representative of the deceased;
- (c) a medical examiner exercising functions in relation to the death of the deceased;
- (d) a beneficiary under a policy of insurance issued on the life of the deceased;
- (e) the insurer who issued a policy of insurance under paragraph (d);
- (f) a person who may by any act or omission have caused or contributed to the death of the deceased, or whose employee or agent may have done so;
- (g) in a case where the death may have been caused by an injury sustained in the course of an employment, a representative of a trade union of which the deceased was a member at the time of death;
- (h) a person appointed by, or representative of, an enforcing authority;
- (i) a person appointed by a Government department to inquire into the death or to assist in, or provide evidence for the purposes of, an investigation into the death;
- (j) a person appointed by the Coroner to represent muslims or any interest groups;
- (k) a medical practitioner who examined the deceased; and