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An Act to amend the Copyright Act 1987.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Copyright (Amendment) Act 2022.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* and the Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of different provisions of this Act.

General amendment

2. The Copyright Act 1987 [Act 332], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, except for subsections 27A(3) and (4), is amended by substituting for the words “licensing body” wherever appearing including in the shoulder note the words “collective management organization”.

Amendment of section 3**3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—**

- (a) by deleting the definition of “licensing body”;
- (b) by inserting after the definition of “author” the following definition:

‘ “authorized entity” means an entity prescribed by the Minister under subsection 13(2c);’;

- (c) by inserting after the definition of “performers’ right” the following definition:

‘ “person with print disability” means a person who is registered as a person with disability under the Persons with Disabilities Act 2008 [*Act 685*] who is—

- (a) blind;
- (b) visually impaired or has a perceptual or reading disability which cannot be improved to give visual function substantially equivalent to that of a person without such impairment or disability, and due to such impairment or disability is unable to read printed works to substantially the same degree as a person without such impairment or disability; or
- (c) unable to hold or manipulate a book or to focus or move the eyes, to the extent that would be normally acceptable to read due to physical disability;’;

- (d) by inserting after the definition of “citizen” the following definition:

‘ “collective management organization” means a body corporate which is declared as a collective management organization under section 27A;’; and

(e) by inserting before the definition of “adaptation” the following definition:

‘ “accessible format copy” means a copy of a work in an alternative manner or form which gives a person with print disability access to the work including to permit the person with print disability to have access as feasibly and comfortably as a person without such disability for his exclusive use;’.

Amendment of section 13

4. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (2)—

(i) in paragraph (gggg), by deleting the words “visually or”;

(ii) by inserting after paragraph (gggg) the following paragraph:

“(ggggg) the making and issuing of copies of any work into an accessible format copy on such terms as the Minister may determine, by—

(i) an authorized entity; or

(ii) a person with print disability or any other person acting on his behalf including his caregiver;”;

(iii) in paragraph (p), by deleting the word “and” at the end of the paragraph;

(iv) in paragraph (q), by substituting for the full stop at the end of the paragraph a semi colon; and