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An Act to deter and punish trafficking in persons and to protect and assist trafficked persons.

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## PART 1

## PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Prevention of Human Trafficking Act 2014.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“abduct”, in relation to an individual, means to compel by force, or induce by any deceitful means, the individual to go from any place;

“abuse of the position of vulnerability”, in relation to an individual, means taking advantage of the vulnerable position the individual is placed in as a result of —

- (a) the individual entering or remaining in Singapore illegally;

- (b) the individual's pregnancy;
- (c) the individual's physical or mental illness, infirmity or disability; or
- (d) the impairment (permanently or temporarily) of the individual's decision-making ability by reason of the individual's physical or mental illness, infirmity or disability;

“child” means an individual below 18 years of age;

“coercion”, in relation to an individual, means the use of force or threat, whether violent or otherwise, against the individual or another individual, including —

- (a) any threat of harm to or physical restraint of the individual or the other individual;
- (b) any scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause the individual to believe that the failure to perform an act would result in serious harm to or physical restraint of the individual or the other individual; or
- (c) any abuse or threat related to the legal status of the individual or the other individual;

“conjugal partner”, in relation to a trafficked victim at a given point in time, means the individual with whom the trafficked victim was in a relationship as if the individual were the trafficked victim's spouse at that point in time;

“debt bondage” means a status or condition arising from —

- (a) the pledging by a debtor of the personal services of the debtor or an individual under the debtor's control, as security for a debt; and
- (b) the reasonable value of such services not being applied towards the discharge of the debt, or the length or nature of such services not being limited or defined, respectively;

“document” has the meaning given by section 29 of the Penal Code 1871;