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An Act to protect persons against harassment and unlawful stalking and false statements of fact, and to provide for the establishment of the Protection from Harassment Court.

[17/2019]

[15 November 2014]

PART 1  
PRELIMINARY

**Short title**

1. This Act is the Protection from Harassment Act 2014.

**Interpretation**

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “author”, in relation to a statement of fact, means the originator of the statement;
  - “communication” means any words, image (moving or otherwise), message, expression, symbol or other representation that can be seen, heard or otherwise perceived by any person, or any combination of these;
  - “computing resource service” means a service that provides processing capability or storage capacity through the use of any computer hardware or software;