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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 6 January 2020 and assented to by the President on 29 January 2020:—

HEALTHCARE SERVICES ACT 2020

(No. 3 of 2020)

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No. 3 of 2020.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB, President. 29 January 2020.

An Act to provide for the regulation of healthcare services and other connected or incidental matters, to repeal the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Chapter 248 of the 1999 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: