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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 10 January 2017 and assented to by the President on 3 February 2017:—

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No. 2 of 2017.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
3 February 2017.



An Act to amend the Civil Law Act (Chapter 43 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161 of the 2009 Revised Edition).

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

New sections 5A and 5B

2. The Civil Law Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 5, the following sections:

“Abolition of tort of maintenance and champerty

5A.—(1) It is declared that no person is, under the law of Singapore, liable in tort for any conduct on account of its being maintenance or champerty as known to the common law.

(2) Subject to section 5B, the abolition of civil liability under the law of Singapore for maintenance and champerty does not affect any rule of that law as to the cases in which a contract is to be treated as contrary to public policy or otherwise illegal.

Validity of certain contracts for funding of claims

5B.—(1) This section applies only in relation to prescribed dispute resolution proceedings.

(2) A contract under which a qualifying Third-Party Funder provides funds to any party for the purpose of funding all or part of the costs of that party in prescribed dispute resolution proceedings is not contrary to public policy or otherwise illegal by reason that it is a contract for maintenance or champerty.

(3) Every qualifying Third-Party Funder and funded party must, in relation to a third-party funding contract, comply with and ensure that such requirements as may be prescribed under subsection (8) are complied with.

(4) Where a Third-Party Funder —

- (a) ceases to be a qualifying Third-Party Funder; or
- (b) fails to comply with any prescribed requirement mentioned in subsection (3),