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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 3rd November 2014 and assented to by the President on 12th December 2014:—

PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT 2014

(No. 45 of 2014)

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No. 45 of 2014.

I assent.



TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
12th December 2014.

An Act to deter and punish trafficking in persons and to protect and assist trafficked persons, and to make consequential amendments to the Children and Young Persons Act (Chapter 38 of the 2001 Revised Edition).

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

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Human Trafficking Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

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 the age of 18 years;

“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 same meaning as in section 29 of the Penal Code (Cap. 224);

“exploitation” means sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or any practice similar to slavery, servitude or the removal of an organ;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs;

“practice similar to slavery” includes debt bondage, serfdom or any servile form of marriage;

“premises” includes —

- (a) any building or structure, whether permanent or temporary;
- (b) any land, whether built on or not;
- (c) any place, whether open or enclosed, including any place situated underground or underwater;
- (d) any vehicle, train, vessel or aircraft; and