

Interpretation (Amendment) Act 1993
(No. 11 of 1993)

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 26th February 1993 and assented to by the President on 31st March 1993:—

INTERPRETATION (AMENDMENT) ACT 1993

(No. 11 of 1993)

I assent.

WEE KIM WEE
President.
31st March 1993.

Date of Commencement: 16th April 1993

An Act to amend the Interpretation Act (Chapter 1 of the 1985 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 may be cited as the Interpretation (Amendment) Act 1993 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New section 9A

2. The Interpretation Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 9, the following section:

“**Purposive interpretation of written law and use of extrinsic materials**”

9A.—(1) In the interpretation of a provision of a written law, an interpretation that would promote the purpose or object underlying the written law (whether that purpose or object is expressly stated in the written law or not) shall be preferred to an interpretation that would not promote that purpose or object.

(2) Subject to subsection (4), in the interpretation of a provision of a written law, if any material not forming part of the written law is capable of assisting in the ascertainment of the meaning of the provision, consideration may be given to that material —

- (a) to confirm that the meaning of the provision is the ordinary meaning conveyed by the text of the provision taking into account its context in the written law and the purpose or object underlying the written