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Criminal Law Reform Bill

Bill No. 6/2019.

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Penal Code (Chapter 224 of the 2008 Revised Edition) and certain other Acts, to update the criminal offences, keep up with technological changes and emerging crime trends, enhance protection for minors and vulnerable victims, harmonise the criminal laws and update the sentencing framework.

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 Criminal Law Reform Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

PART 1

AMENDMENTS TO PENAL CODE

New sections 4A and 4B

2. The Penal Code is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following sections:

“Offences against State and genocide committed outside Singapore by citizen or permanent resident

4A. Every person who, being a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, commits an act or omission outside Singapore that if committed in Singapore would constitute an offence under Chapter VI (Offences against the State) or VIB (Genocide), is deemed to have committed that act or omission in Singapore.

Punishment of specified offences with elements occurring in Singapore but others occurring outside Singapore

4B.—(1) A specified offence is deemed to have been committed in Singapore where —

- (a) a relevant act of the specified offence occurs in Singapore and any other relevant act of that specified offence occurs outside Singapore;
- (b) a relevant act of the specified offence occurs partly in Singapore and partly outside Singapore, whether or not other relevant acts of that specified offence occur in Singapore; or
- (c) the specified offence involved an intention to make a gain or cause a loss or exposure to a risk of loss or to cause harm to any person in body, mind, reputation or property, and that gain, loss or harm occurs in Singapore.

(2) In this section —

“relevant act”, in relation to a specified offence, means an act or omission (whether occurring wholly or partly in or outside Singapore) which is a physical element of the specified offence;

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“specified offence” means an offence specified in the Schedule and includes an attempt to commit the offence, an abetment of the offence and a criminal conspiracy to commit the offence.

(3) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.”.

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Amendment of section 6

3. Section 6 of the Penal Code is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “Chapter entitled “General Exceptions” ” and substituting the words “Chapters entitled “General Exceptions” and “Right of Private Defence” ”; and

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(b) by deleting the words “7 years” wherever they appear in *illustration (a)* and substituting in each case the words “10 years”.

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New section 6A

4. The Penal Code is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section:

“Definitions to apply to this Code and other written law

6A. Every definition of a word or expression which is explained in sections 22A to 26H (except the definitions of “dishonestly” and “fraudulently” in sections 24 and 25, respectively) applies to any offence in this Code or in any other written law unless that written law expressly provides for a definition or explanation of that same word or expression.”.

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