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Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 7/2019.

Read the first time on 11 February 2019.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 68 of the 2012 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 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 20

2. Section 20 of the Criminal Procedure Code (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “in respect of” in subsections (6) and (8), the word “any”.

New Division 3 of Part IV

10 3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 40, the following Division:

*“Division 3 — Powers of investigation for
offences related to statement recording*

15 Powers of investigation of certain law enforcement officers when recording statements

40A.—(1) An officer of a prescribed law enforcement agency (other than the Singapore Police Force) who —

(a) is authorised by any written law other than this section to exercise the powers of a police officer under this Code in relation to an investigation into an arrestable offence when investigating an offence under that written law; and

(b) records a statement during such an investigation by making an audiovisual recording,

25 may investigate any offence under regulations made under section 428(2)(b) committed in relation to that audiovisual recording, and is, by virtue of this section, taken to have the same powers mentioned in paragraph (a), despite anything to the contrary in that other written law.

30 (2) For the purposes of this section and section 40B, the Minister charged with the responsibility for any law enforcement agency may, by order in the *Gazette*, prescribe

the law enforcement agency as a prescribed law enforcement agency.

Officer deemed to be of certain rank

40B. For the purpose of section 40A, when an officer of a prescribed law enforcement agency is exercising the powers pursuant to that section when investigating an offence in relation to an audiovisual recording, the officer is deemed to be a police officer not below the rank of inspector of police.”.

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Repeal and re-enactment of sections 107 and 107A

4. Sections 107 and 107A of the principal Act are repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

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“Procedure for forfeiture of bond without sureties

107.—(1) This section provides for the forfeiture of the following bonds:

- (a) a personal bond without sureties;
- (b) a bond without sureties to keep the peace;
- (c) a bond without sureties for good behaviour.

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(2) If it is proved to a court’s satisfaction that —

- (a) the released person bound by a bond mentioned in subsection (1)(a) has, without reasonable excuse, failed to comply with any duty imposed on the released person to surrender to custody, to be available for investigations, or to attend court on the day and at the time and place appointed for the released person to do so;
- (b) the person bound by a bond mentioned in subsection (1)(b) has, without reasonable excuse, failed to keep the peace; or

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