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Protection from Harassment (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 11/2019.

Read the first time on 1 April 2019.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Protection from Harassment Act (Chapter 256A of the 2015 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to certain other Acts.

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 Protection from Harassment (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Protection from Harassment Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “to create offences, and provide civil remedies related thereto or in relation to false statements of fact” and substituting the words “false
10 statements of fact, and to provide for the establishment of the Protection from Harassment Court”.

Amendment of section 2

3.—(1) Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “communication” and
15 substituting the following definitions:

““author”, in relation to a statement of fact, means the originator of the statement;

“communication” means any words, image (moving or otherwise), message, expression,
20 symbol or other representation that can be seen, heard or otherwise perceived by any person, or any combination of these;

“computing resource service” means a service that provides processing capability or storage capacity through the use of any computer
25 hardware or software;

“correction order” means an order made under section 15B;

“court”, for the purposes of sections 12 and 13,
30 means a District Court;

“electronic” means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic or similar capabilities;

“entity” means any company or association or body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate), but excludes any public agency; 5

“identity information” means any information that, whether on its own or with other information, identifies or purports to identify an individual, including (but not limited to) any of the following: 10

(a) the individual’s name, residential address, email address, telephone number, date of birth, national registration identity card number, passport number, signature (whether handwritten or electronic) or password; 15

(b) any photograph or video recording of the individual; 20

(c) any information about the individual’s family, employment or education;

“interim notification order” means an order made under section 16B; 25

“interim stop publication order” means an order made under section 16A;

“internet intermediary” means a person who provides any internet intermediary service; 30

“internet intermediary service” means —

(a) a service that allows end-users to access materials originating from third parties, using the internet;