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Evidence (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 15/2018.

Read the first time on 28 February 2018.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Evidence Act (Chapter 97 of the 1997 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 Evidence (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 3

2. Section 3 of the Evidence Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “copy of a document” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““child abuse offence” means any offence specified in Part 1 of the First Schedule, and includes attempting to commit, abetting the commission of, or being a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit, such an offence;”;

(b) by deleting the full-stop immediately after the words “necessarily follows” in the definition of “fact in issue” in subsection (1) and substituting a semi-colon; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the illustrations to the definition of “fact in issue” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““sexual offence” means any offence specified in Part 2 of the First Schedule, and includes attempting to commit, abetting the commission of, or being a party to a criminal conspiracy to commit, such an offence.”.

Amendment of section 80A

3. Section 80A of the Evidence Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “Schedule” in subsections (1) and (5) (definition of “specified statutory body”) and substituting in each case the words “Second Schedule”; and

(b) by deleting subsection (6).