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Protection from Harassment Bill

Bill No. 12/2014.

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PROTECTION FROM HARASSMENT ACT 2014

(No. of 2014)

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A BILL

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An Act to protect persons against harassment and unlawful stalking and to create offences, and provide civil remedies related thereto or in relation to false statements of fact, and to make consequential amendments to other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

5 1. This Act may be cited as the Protection from Harassment Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

10 “communication” means any words, image, message, expression, symbol or other representation, that can be heard, seen or otherwise perceived by any person;

“offending communication”, in relation to any contravention of a provision under this Act, means any communication or statement made in contravention of that provision;

15 “publish”, in relation to a communication or statement, means to make the communication or statement available in any form such that the communication or statement is or can be heard, seen or otherwise perceived by the public in Singapore or any section of the public in Singapore, and includes cause to be
20 published;

“respondent”, in relation to an action under section 11 or an application for an order under section 12 or 13, in respect of a contravention of a provision of this Act, means the person
25 alleged to have contravened that provision for the purposes of that action or application.

PART II

OFFENCES

Intentionally causing harassment, alarm or distress

3.—(1) No person shall, with intent to cause harassment, alarm or
30 distress to another person, by any means —