

Probate and Administration (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Probate and Administration Act (Chapter 251 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and certain other written laws.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Probate and Administration (Amendment) Act 1998 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of section 45

2. Section 45 of the Probate and Administration Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “any part of the Commonwealth” in the definitions of “probate” and “letters of administration” and substituting in each case the words “any country or territory”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 46

3. Section 46 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Power of court to re-seal

46.—(1) Subject to subsections (3) and (4), where —

- (a) a court of probate in any part of the Commonwealth has, either before, on or after the date of commencement of the Probate and Administration (Amendment) Act 1998, granted probate or letters of administration in respect of the estate of a deceased person; or
- (b) a court of probate in a country or territory, being a country or territory declared by the Minister under subsection (5) as a country or territory to which this subsection applies, has, on or after a date specified by the Minister in respect of that country or territory (referred to in this section as the relevant date), granted probate or letters of administration in respect of the estate of a deceased person,

the probate or letters of administration so granted, or a certified copy thereof, sealed with the seal of the court granting the same, may, on being produced to and a copy thereof deposited in the High Court, be sealed with the seal of the Supreme