

# **Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (Reprint No. 1 of 1969).

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

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act, 1970.

### **Amendment of section 263**

2. Sub-paragraph (iv) of paragraph (g) of section 263 of the Criminal Procedure Code (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Code”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “inquest” appearing in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the word “inquiry”;
- (b) by deleting the words “the jury” appearing in the third line thereof; and
- (c) by deleting the word “themselves” appearing in the fourth line thereof and substituting therefor the word “himself”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 285**

3. Section 285 of the Code is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

#### **“Appeal to Judicial Committee**

**285.** Nothing herein may or can take away or abridge the undoubted right and authority of the Judicial Committee of Her Britannic Majesty’s Privy Council (hereinafter referred to as the “Judicial Committee”) to admit or receive any appeal from any judgment, decree, sentence or order of any Appellate Court (within the meaning of section 2 of the Judicial Committee Act, 1966 (Act 37 of 1966)) in any criminal matter made by or on behalf of the Public Prosecutor or any person aggrieved thereby, subject to the provisions of section 3 of that Act.”.

### **Amendment of section 286**

4. Section 286 of the Code is hereby amended by deleting the word “President” appearing in the third and in the fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor in each case the words “Judicial Committee”.

### **Amendment of heading to Chapter XXX**

5. The Code is hereby amended by deleting the words “INQUESTS AND” appearing

in the heading to Chapter XXX.

#### **Amendment of section 314**

6. Section 314 of the Code is hereby amended by deleting the definitions of “inquest” and “inquiry” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““inquiry” means an investigation as to the cause of any death held by a Coroner;”.

#### **Amendment of section 318**

7. Subsection (2) of section 318 of the Code is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“(2) The authorisation for burial under this section may be given by a Coroner at any time after he has viewed the body.”.

#### **Amendment of section 319**

8. Section 319 of the Code is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “*Inquests and*” appearing in the cross-heading above section 319 thereof;
- (b) by deleting the expression “inquest or an inquiry, as he thinks fit, except in the cases where he is required under this Code to hold an inquest and in such last-mentioned cases he shall hold an inquest” appearing in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth lines thereof and substituting therefor the word “inquiry”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “inquest or” appearing in the marginal note thereto.

#### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 320**

9. Section 320 of the Code is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

##### **“Inquiry in case of person dying in institution or suffering capital punishment**

**320.** An inquiry shall be held in every case of the death of a person detained in an institution or of a person who suffers capital punishment.”.

#### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 321**

10. Section 321 of the Code is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —