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# **INTERPRETATION ACT**

## **(CHAPTER 1)**

(Original Enactment: Act 10 of 1965)

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(31st December 2002)

An Act to define certain terms and expressions used in written law and to make provision for the construction, interpretation and publication of written law and for matters connected therewith.

[28th December 1965]

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation Act.

## **PART I**

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF INTERPRETATION**

#### **Interpretation of certain words and expressions**

2.—(1) In this Act, and in every written law enacted before or after 28th December 1965, the following words and expressions shall, without prejudice to anything done prior to that date, have the meanings respectively assigned to them unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided:

“abet”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, has the same meaning as in the Penal Code (Cap. 224);

“Accountant-General” means the Accountant-General of Singapore;

“act”, in relation to an offence or civil wrong, includes a series of acts, and words which refer to acts done shall be construed as extending to illegal omissions;

“Act” or “Act of Parliament” means an Act of the Parliament of Singapore and includes any Ordinance or Act of Singapore or Malaysia having the force of law in Singapore; and “Act”, when used in any subsidiary legislation, means the Act under the authority of which the subsidiary legislation was made;

“advocate” and “advocate and solicitor” mean an advocate and solicitor of the