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## AN ACT TO MAKE PROVISION FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN THE KINGDOM<sup>1</sup>

Commencement [13<sup>th</sup> September, 2007]

### PART I - PRELIMINARY

#### 1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Emergency Management Act.

#### 2 Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“**authorised officer**” means a person authorised to exercise emergency powers for a state of emergency under this Act;

“**Chief Executive Officer**” means the Government chief executive officer responsible for emergency management;<sup>2</sup>

“**emergency**” means an event, actual or imminent, which endangers or threatens to endanger life, property or the environment and which requires a significant and co-ordinated response;

“**emergency management**” means arrangements about managing the potential adverse effects of an event, including mitigating community risk, preparing for and responding to threatening events and recovering from an emergency;