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[Date of assent: 21st June, 2017.]

[Date of commencement: 7th July, 2017.]

**AN ACT of Parliament to establish a National Coroners Service, to provide for its powers and functions and for connected purposes**

[Act No. 18 of 2017.]

**PART I – PRELIMINARY**

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the National Coroners Service Act, 2017.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

**"Cabinet Secretary"** means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to justice;

**"Coroner"** means the Coroner-General appointed under section 9 and the coroners appointed under section 15;

**"custody"** means detention or custody of a person in any place by the State and it includes custody of person while in transit;

**"interested person"** in relation to a deceased person or an investigation into a person's death, means—

- (a) a spouse, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild, child of a brother or sister, stepfather, stepmother, half-brother or half-sister;
- (b) a personal representative of the deceased;
- (c) a medical examiner exercising functions in relation to the death of the deceased;
- (d) a beneficiary under a policy of insurance issued on the life of the deceased;
- (e) the insurer who issued a policy of insurance under paragraph (d);
- (f) a person who may by any act or omission have caused or contributed to the death of the deceased, or whose employee or agent may have done so;
- (g) in a case where the death may have been caused by an injury sustained in the course of an employment, a representative of a trade union of which the deceased was a member at the time of death;
- (h) a person appointed by, or representative of, an enforcing authority;
- (i) a person appointed by a Government department to inquire into the death or to assist in, or provide evidence for the purposes of, an investigation into the death;
- (j) a person appointed by the Coroner to represent muslims or any interest groups;
- (k) a medical practitioner who examined the deceased; and