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An Act to provide for legal protection in situations of domestic violence and matters incidental thereto.

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BE IT ENACTED by the Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Domestic Violence Act 1994 and shall come into force on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint. Short title, application and commencement.

(2) This Act shall apply to all persons in Malaysia.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires— Interpretation.

“alternative residence” means the premises or accommodation which the victim is or has been compelled to seek or move into as a result of domestic violence;

“child” means a person below the age of eighteen years who is living as a member of the offender’s family or of the family of the offender’s spouse or former spouse, as the case may be;

“court” means—

(a) in respect of criminal proceedings involving allegations of domestic violence, the court