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An Act to amend the Prevention of Crime Act 1959.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Crime (Amendment) Act 2015.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of long title

2. The Prevention of Crime Act 1959 [Act 297], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in the long title by inserting after the words “secret societies” the words “, terrorists”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Subsection 2(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the definition of “Registrar” the following definition:

‘ “terrorist” has the same meaning assigned to it by the Penal Code [Act 574].’.

Amendment of section 3

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

“(1A) When a person is arrested under subsection (1), the case shall be referred by the police officer to the Public Prosecutor for direction not later than seven days from the date of arrest.”.

Amendment of section 4

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subparagraph (2)(a)(i), by deleting the words “or a Deputy Public Prosecutor”;

(b) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsection:

“(2A) No person shall be arrested and detained under this section solely for his political belief or political activity.”; and

(c) by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsections:

“(4) The Public Prosecutor may appear in any application made under this section.

(5) For the purpose of this section, “political belief or political activity” means engaging in a lawful activity through—

(a) the expression of an opinion or the pursuit of a course of action made according to the tenets of a political party that is at the relevant time registered under the Societies Act 1966 [Act 335] as evidenced by—

(i) membership of or contribution to that party;
or

(ii) open and active participation in the affairs of that party;