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An Act to make temporary provisions for the maintenance of public order, the control of supplies by sea to Singapore, and the prevention of strikes and lock-outs in essential services.

[21 October 1955]

PART 1**PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1.—(1) This Act is the Criminal Law (Temporary Provisions) Act 1955.

(2) This Act continues in force for a period of 5 years beginning on 21 October 2019.

[12/2018]

(3) The expiry of this Act shall not affect the operation thereof as respects things previously done or omitted to be done.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the subject or context otherwise requires —
“authorised officer” means —

- (a) any police officer or officer of customs;
- (b) any person holding a commission in the Singapore Armed Forces; or