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An Act to define certain terms and expressions used in written law and to make provision for the construction, interpretation and publication of written law and for matters connected therewith.

[28 December 1965]

Short title

1. This Act is the Interpretation Act 1965.

PART 1**GENERAL PROVISIONS OF INTERPRETATION****Interpretation of certain words and expressions**

2.—(1) In this Act, and in every written law enacted before or after 28 December 1965, the following words and expressions shall, without prejudice to anything done before that date, have the meanings respectively assigned to them unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided:

“abet”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, has the meaning given by the Penal Code 1871;

“Accountant-General” means the Accountant-General of Singapore;

“act”, in relation to an offence or civil wrong, includes a series of acts, and words which refer to acts done are to be construed as extending to illegal omissions;

“Act” or “Act of Parliament” means an Act of the Parliament of Singapore and includes any Ordinance or Act of Singapore or Malaysia having the force of law in Singapore; and “Act”, when used in any subsidiary legislation, means the Act under the authority of which the subsidiary legislation was made;

“advocate” and “advocate and solicitor” mean an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court;

“animal” includes bird, reptile, fish and every kind of vertebrate animal and the young thereof;

“appoint” includes re-appoint;

“Attorney-General” means the Attorney-General of Singapore and in relation to any function, power or duty of the Attorney-General, includes a Deputy Attorney-General so assigned by the Attorney-General to perform that function, power or duty;

“Auditor-General” means the Auditor-General of Singapore;

“Cabinet” means the Cabinet constituted under the Constitution;