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An Act to make provision for the distribution of intestate estates.

[2 June 1967]

### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Intestate Succession Act 1967.

### **Application**

2. Nothing in this Act shall apply to the estate of any Muslim or shall affect any rules of the Muslim law in respect of the distribution of the estate of any such person.

### **Interpretation**

3. In this Act —

“child” means a legitimate child and includes any child adopted by virtue of an order of court under any written law for the time being in force in Singapore, Malaysia or Brunei Darussalam;

“intestate” includes any person who leaves a will but dies intestate as to some beneficial interest in his property;

“issue” includes children and the descendants of deceased children.

### **Law regulating distribution**

**4.**—(1) The distribution of the movable property of a person deceased shall be regulated by the law of the country in which he was domiciled at the time of his death.

(2) The distribution of the immovable property of a person deceased shall be regulated by this Act wherever he may have been domiciled at the time of his death.

### **Property of intestate to be distributed**

**5.** If a person dies intestate after 2 June 1967, he being at the time of his death —

- (a) domiciled in Singapore and possessed beneficially of property, whether movable or immovable, or both, situated in Singapore; or
- (b) domiciled outside Singapore and possessed beneficially of immovable property situated in Singapore,

that property or the proceeds thereof, after payment thereout of the expenses of due administration as prescribed by the Probate and Administration Act 1934, shall be distributed among the persons entitled to succeed beneficially to that property or the proceeds thereof.

### **Persons held to be similarly related to deceased**

**6.** For the purposes of distribution —

- (a) there shall be no distinction between those who are related to a person deceased through his father and those who are related to him through his mother nor between those who were actually born in his lifetime and those who at the date of his death were only conceived in the womb but who have subsequently been born alive; and