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An Act to extend police powers to better prevent and respond to any incident or likely incident involving serious violence or large-scale public disorder in Singapore.

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#### PART 1

#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### Short title

1. This Act is the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018.

## **General interpretation**

- **2.**—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
  - "activation order" means an order under section 8(1);
  - "autonomous system", for a motor vehicle or vessel, means a system that enables the operation of the motor vehicle or vessel without the active physical control of, or monitoring by, a human operator;