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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5 October 2021 and assented to by the President on 29 October 2021:—

SEDITION (REPEAL) ACT 2021

(No. 30 of 2021)

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title and commencement
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No. 30 of 2021.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
29 October 2021.

An Act to repeal the Sedition Act and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Sedition (Repeal) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Repeal of Sedition Act

2.—(1) The Sedition Act (called in this section the repealed Act) is repealed.

(2) Despite subsection (1) —

- (a) sections 5, 6 and 7 of the repealed Act as in force immediately before the date of commencement of this Act (called in this section the appointed date) continue to apply in relation to a proceeding for an act committed before that date;
- (b) section 8 of the repealed Act as in force immediately before the appointed date continues to apply in relation to a seditious publication reasonably suspected as having been printed, published, sold, offered for sale, distributed, reproduced or imported before that date;
- (c) section 9 of the repealed Act as in force immediately before the appointed date continues to apply to a person convicted of an offence committed before that date;
- (d) section 10 of the repealed Act as in force immediately before the appointed date continues to apply in relation to any publication the issue or circulation of which commenced before that date; and
- (e) section 11 of the repealed Act as in force immediately before the appointed date continues to apply in relation to an act reasonably suspected as having been committed before that date.

Consequential amendments to Criminal Procedure Code

3. The Criminal Procedure Code is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of section 44(1)(c) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(i) any material which forms the subject matter of a charge under section 267C, 298A or 505 of the Penal Code; or”;

(b) by deleting the item relating to section 267C in the First Schedule and substituting the following item:

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267C	Uttering words, making document, etc., containing incitement to violence, etc.	May arrest without warrant	Warrant	Not bailable	Imprisonment for 5 years, or fine, or both	Magistrate's Court or District Court
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(c) by deleting the words “Shall not arrest without warrant” under the third column in the item relating to section 298 in the First Schedule and substituting the words “May arrest without warrant”;

(d) by deleting the item relating to section 298A in the First Schedule and substituting the following item:

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298A	Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion or race, and doing acts prejudicial to maintenance of harmony	May arrest without warrant	Summons	Not bailable	Imprisonment for 3 years, or fine, or both	Magistrate's Court or District Court
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”; and

(e) by deleting the item relating to section 505 in the First Schedule and substituting the following item:

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505	False statement, rumour, etc., circulated with intent to cause mutiny or offence against the public peace	May arrest without warrant	Warrant	Not bailable	Imprisonment for 3 years, or fine, or both	Magistrate's Court or District Court
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