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VULNERABLE ADULTS ACT 2018

(No. 27 of 2018)

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No. 27 of 2018.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
12 June 2018.

An Act to make provision for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect or self-neglect, to provide for matters connected with that, and to make related amendments to certain other Acts.

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

PART 1
PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Vulnerable Adults Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“abuse” means —

- (a) physical abuse;
- (b) emotional or psychological abuse;
- (c) conduct or behaviour by an individual that in any other way controls or dominates another individual and causes the other individual to fear for his or her safety or wellbeing; or
- (d) conduct or behaviour by an individual that unreasonably deprives, or threatens to unreasonably deprive, another individual of that other individual’s liberty of movement or wellbeing;

“allied health professional” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Allied Health Professions Act (Cap. 6B);

“assessment” means an interview and examination which includes the taking of X-rays and an individual’s blood and other body samples for testing and analysis, but does not include the administering of medical or dental treatment;

“authorised officer” means a person appointed as an authorised officer under section 3(9);

“auxiliary police officer” means an auxiliary police officer appointed under Part IX of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);