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Apostille Bill

Bill No. 35/2020.

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APOSTILLE ACT 2020

(No. of 2020)

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A BILL

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An Act to give effect to the Hague Convention Abolishing the Requirement of Legalisation for Foreign Public Documents, done at the Hague on 5 October 1961, and for connected purposes, 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: