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# Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Bill

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**Bill No. 25/2019.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (Chapter 167A of the 2001 Revised Edition), and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other Acts to deal with religious intolerance.

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 Maintenance of Religious Harmony (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## 5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Council”, the following definitions:

10 ““anonymous donation”, for a religious group, means a donation which the religious group accepting the donation is (whether because the donation is offered anonymously or by reason of deception or concealment) unable to  
15 ascertain the identity of the donor giving the donation, but excludes the following:

(a) a donation deposited in a box, receptacle or other container in a publicly accessible location within a place of worship in Singapore for the same religion or religious denomination as the religious group;

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(b) any proceeds from a collection by the religious group, the conduct of which is authorised by the House to House and Street Collections Act (Cap. 128);

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(c) a cash donation collected during an act of collective worship or a religious ceremony or rite conducted by the religious group;

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- (d) a donation which is declared not to be an anonymous donation by regulations made under section 19;

“communications activity”, in relation to any information or material, means communicating or distributing the information or material to the general public in Singapore, whether or not in the course of business, and includes doing any of the following whether or not in the course of business:

- (a) placing the information or material, or something that contains the information or material, somewhere it can be accessed by the general public in Singapore;
- (b) giving the information or material, or something that contains the information or material, to an intermediary to give to an intended recipient in the general public in Singapore;
- (c) describing to the general public in Singapore —
  - (i) how to obtain access to the information or material, or something that contains the information or material; or
  - (ii) methods that are likely to facilitate access to the information or material, or something that contains the information or material;
- (d) displaying, screening or playing the information or material, or something