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Legal Profession (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 16/2018.

Read the first time on 2 March 2018.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Legal Profession Act (Chapter 161 of the 2009 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Chapter 322 of the 2007 Revised Edition).

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 Legal Profession (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2(1) of the Legal Profession Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “relevant legal officer”, the following definition:

10 “ “remedial measure” means a remedial measure prescribed by rules made under section 97A for the purposes of Part VII;” and

15 (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definitions of “trust” and “trustee” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

“ “wholly-owned subsidiary of the Society” includes a company limited by guarantee the sole member of which is the Society.”.

Amendment of section 25

20 3. Section 25(1) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (ca), the following paragraph:

“(cb) a declaration in writing under section 75E, if the solicitor is required by that section to make the declaration;”.

25 **Amendment of section 26**

4. Section 26(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “the Society” in paragraph (a), the words “or a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Society”.

Repeal of section 36F

30 5. Section 36F of the principal Act is repealed.

Amendment of section 36H

6. Section 36H of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (7) and (8).

Amendment of section 36K

7. Section 36K(2) of the principal Act is amended — 5
- (a) by deleting the words “or 36F” in paragraph (a); and
 - (b) by deleting the words “or 36F(4) (as the case may be)” in paragraph (a)(ii).

Amendment of heading to Part IVB

8. Part IVB of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “FOREIGN” in the Part heading. 10

Amendment of section 36O

9. Section 36O of the principal Act is amended —
- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Judge” in subsection (1), the following definition: 15
 - “ “law expert” —
 - (a) means an individual —
 - (i) who has specialised knowledge, based on training, study or experience, on matters of foreign law, or is otherwise qualified to submit on matters of foreign law; and 20
 - (ii) whom the Singapore International Commercial Court or the Court of Appeal specifies, in an order that a question of foreign law be determined on the basis of submissions instead of proof, 30