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# **Prevention of Human Trafficking Bill**

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**Bill No. 39/2014.**

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## **PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING ACT 2014**

**(No.    of 2014)**

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A BILL

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An Act to deter and punish trafficking in persons and to protect and assist trafficked persons, and to make consequential amendments to the Children and Young Persons Act (Chapter 38 of the 2001 Revised Edition).

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

- 5     **1.** This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Human Trafficking Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### Interpretation

- 2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

10     “abduct”, in relation to an individual, means to compel by force, or induce by any deceitful means, the individual to go from any place;

“abuse of the position of vulnerability”, in relation to an individual, means taking advantage of the vulnerable position the individual is placed in as a result of —

15     (a) the individual entering or remaining in Singapore illegally;

(b) the individual’s pregnancy;

20     (c) the individual’s physical or mental illness, infirmity or disability; or

(d) the impairment (permanently or temporarily) of the individual’s decision-making ability by reason of the individual’s physical or mental illness, infirmity or disability;

25     “child” means an individual below the age of 18 years;

“coercion”, in relation to an individual, means the use of force or threat, whether violent or otherwise, against the individual or another individual, including —

30     (a) any threat of harm to or physical restraint of the individual or the other individual;

(b) any scheme, plan or pattern intended to cause the individual to believe that the failure to perform an act