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Civil Law (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 25/2012.

Read the first time on 10th September 2012.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Civil Law Act (Chapter 43 of the 1999 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Public Trustee Act (Chapter 260 of the 1985 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 may be cited as the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 Repeal and re-enactment of section 27

2. Section 27 of the Civil Law Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Bona vacantia, etc.

27.—(1) This section applies —

10 (a) where a right to the estate of any person who dies
 (whether before, on or after the date of commencement
 of section 2 of the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012)
 intestate without next-of-kin has accrued to the
 Government; or

15 (b) where a right to the property of any person who dies
 (whether before, on or after the date of commencement
 of section 2 of the Civil Law (Amendment) Act 2012)
 has accrued to the Government as a result of disposal
 under such written law as the Minister may, by order
 published in the *Gazette*, prescribe for the purposes of
 this section.

25 (2) Where a right to any estate or property upon the death of a
 person as mentioned in subsection (1) has accrued to the
 Government, such estate, property or part thereof that is not land,
 or where such estate or property or part thereof is land and that
 land is sold, its proceeds, shall form part of the Consolidated
 Fund.

30 (3) If it appears to the Minister that a right to any estate or
 property upon the death of a person as mentioned in
 subsection (1) has accrued to the Government, it shall be
 lawful for the Minister, upon application being made to him or if
 he considers it reasonable to do so, by warrant under his hand —

 (a) to disclaim and release in whole or in part that right to
 such estate or property in favour of such person or