

Coroners Bill

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Bill No. 10/2010

Read the first time on 26th April 2010.

An Act to consolidate the law relating to Coroners' inquiries and to make consequential and related amendments to certain other written laws.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Coroners Act 2010 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“body” means a dead person, and includes any part of a person (whether or not the identity of the person concerned is known when the part is discovered or is later determined) —

- (a) without which no person can live; or
- (b) discovered in such circumstances or such state that it is probable that the person is dead,

but does not include a foetus or a still-born child within the meaning of the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Cap. 267);

“cause of death” includes not only the apparent cause of death as ascertainable by inspection or examination of the body, but also all matters necessary to enable an opinion to be formed as to the manner in which the deceased came by his death;

“Coroner” means a Coroner appointed under section 3(1), and includes the State Coroner;

“forensic pathologist” means a pathologist appointed under section 4(1) as a forensic pathologist;

“health-care practitioner” means a person providing any of the services in the First Schedule, but does not include a medical practitioner;

“Health Sciences Authority” means the Health Sciences Authority established