

Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 68 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 Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act 1995 and

shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New section 364A

2. The Criminal Procedure Code is amended by inserting, immediately after section 364, the following section:

“Evidence through live video or live television links

364A.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the Evidence Act [Cap. 97], a person in Singapore (other than the accused person) may, with leave of the court, give evidence through a live video or live television link in any trial, inquiry, appeal or other proceedings if —

- (a) the witness is below the age of 16 years;
- (b) the offence charged is an offence specified in subsection (2);
- (c) the court is satisfied that it is expedient in the interest of justice to do so; or
- (d) the Minister certifies that it is expedient in the public interest to do so.

(2) The offences specified for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) are —

- (a) an offence which involves an assault on, or an injury or a threat of injury to, persons including but not limited to sections 319 to 338 of the Penal Code [Cap. 224];
- (b) an offence under Part II of the Children and Young Persons Act [Cap. 38] (relating to protection of children and young persons);
- (c) an offence under sections 354 to 358 and sections 375 to 377 of the Penal Code;
- (d) an offence under Part X of the Women’s Charter (relating to offences against women and girls) [Cap. 353]; and
- (e) such other offences as the Minister may, after consulting the Chief Justice, prescribe.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the Evidence Act, the court may, in its discretion, order an accused person to appear before it through a live video or live television link whilst in remand in Singapore in proceedings for any of the following matters:

- (a) any application for bail;
- (b) any extension of the remand of an accused person under section 198;