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An Act to amend the Evidence Act (Chapter 97 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 Evidence (Amendment) Act 1987 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New section 80A

2. The Evidence Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 80, the following section:

“Prints from films in the possession of the Government and statutory body

80A.—(1) A print, whether enlarged or not, purporting to be made from a film of any document in the possession of the Government or any statutory body specified in the Schedule may be produced in proof of the contents of the document or such part of the document to which the print purports to be a copy upon proof that —

- (a) while the document was in the custody or control of the Government or specified statutory body the film was taken in order to keep a permanent record thereof; and
- (b) the document photographed —
 - (i) was subsequently destroyed, whether deliberately or otherwise;
 - (ii) was so damaged as to be wholly or partly indecipherable;
 - (iii) was lost; or
 - (iv) had passed out of the custody or control of the Government or specified statutory body.

(2) Proof —

- (a) that a print is made from a film of a document in the possession of the Government or a specified statutory body; and
- (b) of compliance with the conditions in subsection (1),

may be given in respect of any document or groups of documents by a public officer or by an employee of the specified statutory body having custody or control of the film, orally or by a certificate purporting to be signed by such public officer or employee.

(3) A certificate under subsection (2) shall be admissible in evidence in any proceedings before any court on its production without further proof.

(4) On the production of a certificate under subsection (3), the court before