

Interpretation Bill

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Read the first time on 13th December 1965.

An Act to define certain terms and expressions used in written law and to make provision for the construction, interpretation and publication of written law and for matters connected therewith.

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Interpretation Act, 1965.

PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF INTERPRETATION

Interpretation of certain words and expressions

2.—(1) In this Act, and in every written law enacted before or after the commencement of this Act, the following words and expressions shall, without prejudice to anything done prior to the coming into operation of this Act, have the meanings respectively assigned to them unless there is something in the subject or context inconsistent with such construction or unless it is therein otherwise expressly provided: —

“abet”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, has the same meaning as in the Penal Code (*Cap. 119*);

“Accountant-General” means the Accountant-General of Singapore;

“act”, when used with reference to an offence or civil wrong, includes a series of acts, and words which refer to acts done shall be construed as extending to illegal omissions;

“Act” or “Act of Parliament” means an Act of the Parliament of Singapore and includes any Ordinance having the force of law in Singapore; and the expression “the Act” when used in any subsidiary legislation means the Act under the authority of which such subsidiary legislation has been made;

“advocate” and “advocate and solicitor” mean an advocate and solicitor of the