

A BILL

*i n t i t u l e d*

An Act to amend the Syariah Criminal Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1997.

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**ENACTED** by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

**Short title, application and commencement**

**1.** (1) This Act may be cited as the Syariah Criminal Procedure (Federal Territories) (Amendment) Act 2013.

(2) This Act applies only to the Federal Territories of Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Putrajaya.

(3) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

**2.** The Syariah Criminal Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1997 [*Act 560*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 2 by substituting for the definition of “Administration Act” the following definition:

‘ “Administration Act” means the Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Act 2013 [*Act* ];’.

**Amendment of section 229**

3. Section 229 of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “Chief Syariah Judge” the words “Rules Committee of the Syariah Courts established under the Administration Act”.

**Savings**

4. All rules made by the Chief Syariah Judge under the principal Act immediately before the commencement of this Act shall remain in operation until revoked or replaced by rules made by the Rules Committee of the Syariah Courts under the Administration Act.

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**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

This Bill seeks to amend the Syariah Criminal Procedure (Federal Territories) Act 1997 (“Act 560”).

2. *Clause 1* of the Bill contains the short title, application and provisions on the commencement of the proposed Act.
3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 2 of Act 560 to substitute the definition of “Administration Act” consequent upon the proposed enactment of the new Administration of the Religion of Islam (Federal Territories) Bill 2013.
4. *Clause 3* seeks to amend section 229 to transfer the power to make rules from the Chief Syariah Judge to the Syariah Court Rules Committee.
5. *Clause 4* deals with savings provision.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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