

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Consumer Protection Act 1999.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act 2019.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 98

2. The Consumer Protection Act 1999 [*Act 599*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in subsection 98(1) by substituting for the words “twenty-five thousand ringgit” the words “fifty thousand ringgit”.

Amendment of section 100

3. Subsection 100(1) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “twenty-five thousand ringgit” the words “fifty thousand ringgit”.

Amendment of section 101

4. Subsection 101(1) of the principal Act is amended by substituting for the words “twenty-five thousand ringgit” the words “fifty thousand ringgit”.

Amendment of section 117

5. Section 117 of the principal Act is amended—

- (a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the words “five thousand ringgit” the words “ten thousand ringgit”; and
- (b) in subsection (2), by substituting for the words “be liable to a fine not exceeding one thousand ringgit” the words “be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred ringgit and not exceeding five thousand ringgit”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Consumer Protection Act 1999 (“Act 599”).

2. *Clause 1* contains the short title and the provision on the commencement of the proposed Act.

3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend subsection 98(1) of Act 599 to extend the jurisdiction of the Tribunal relating to the total amount in respect of which an award of the Tribunal can be sought from not exceeding twenty-five thousand ringgit to not exceeding fifty thousand ringgit. This amendment shall apply to a cause of action irrespective whether it accrued before or after the coming into operation of the proposed Act.

4. The proposed amendments to subsections 100(1) and 101(1) of Act 599 in *clauses 3* and *4* respectively are consequential amendments occasioned by the move to increase the jurisdiction of the Tribunal.

5. *Clause 5* seeks to amend subsections 117(1) and (2) of Act 599 to increase the punishments which may be imposed on any person who fails to comply with an award made by the Tribunal.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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