

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Revision of Laws Act 1968.

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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 Revision of Laws (Amendment) Act 2019.

(2) This Act comes into operation on 1 August 2019.

Amendment of section 6

2. The Revision of Laws Act 1968 [*Act 1*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 6, by inserting after paragraph (1)(xvii) the following paragraph:

“(xviiia) to make such alterations in any written law to reflect any change of the style and title, or the transfer of any functions or responsibility, of any Minister, or the change of name of any Ministry;”.

Amendment of section 14

3. Subsection 14(2) of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the words “(xvii),” the words “(xviii),”.

Commencement of change or transfer

4. Any change of the style and title, or the transfer of any functions or responsibility, of any Minister, or the change of name of any Ministry, shall come into operation on the date of the change of the style and title, or the transfer of any functions or responsibility, of any Minister, or the change of name of any Ministry, as the case may be.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Revision of Laws Act 1968 (“Act 1”).

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

3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 6 of Act 1 to introduce a new paragraph (xviii) into subsection (1) to empower the Commissioner of Law Revision to make any alteration in any written law to reflect any change of the style and title or the transfer of any functions or responsibility of a Minister or the change of the name of any Ministry from time to time in accordance with the Ministerial Functions Order made under the Ministerial Functions Act 1969 [*Act 2*].

Currently, as provided in section 4 of the Ministerial Functions Act 1969 and subsection 8(2) of the Interpretation Acts 1948 and 1967 [*Act 388*], any reference to the style and title of a Minister in any written law refers to the Minister for the time being conferred with the functions or charged with the responsibility for the matters under such written law, or to the Minister for the time being assigned with such style and title.

With this proposed amendment, the Commissioner of Law Revision will be able to make necessary alterations in any written law from time to time to be in line with the Ministerial Functions Order.

4. *Clause 3* seeks to amend subsection 14(2) as a consequence of the amendment of section 6. With this proposed amendment, the Commissioner of Law Revision will have the power to make such alterations as provided in the proposed *clause 2* by way of reprint of laws.

5. *Clause 4* seeks to provide that any alteration in any written law relating to the change of style and title, or the transfer of any functions or responsibility of any Minister, or the change of the name of any Ministry, made pursuant to the powers as proposed in *clauses 2 and 3*, shall come into operation on the date of the change of the style and title, or the transfer of any functions or responsibility of any Minister, or the change of the name of any Ministry.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will involve the Government in extra financial expenditure the amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.

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