

A BILL

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An Act to repeal the Anti-Fake News Act 2018.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Anti-Fake News (Repeal) Act 2019.

Repeal and savings

2. (1) The Anti-Fake News Act 2018 [*Act 803*] is repealed.

(2) The repeal of the Anti-Fake News Act 2018 shall not affect any order made under the repealed Act prior to the date of coming into operation of this Act.

(3) On the date of coming into operation of this Act, any application for an order under the repealed Act made prior to the date of coming into operation of this Act or any proceedings in respect of such application pending under the repealed Act may be continued as if the repealed Act is still in force.

(4) On the date of coming into operation of this Act, any investigation, prosecution or proceedings in respect of any offence under the repealed Act pending under the repealed Act may be continued as if the repealed Act is still in force.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to repeal the Anti-Fake News Act 2018 (“Act 803”).

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

3. *Clause 2* seeks to provide for the repeal of Act 803 due to the change in the policy of the Government that fake news may be dealt with under existing laws such as the Penal Code [*Act 574*], the Printing Presses and Publications Act 1984 [*Act 301*] and the Communications and Multimedia Act 1998 [*Act 588*]. As such, Act 803 is no longer relevant. This *clause* also contains savings provisions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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