

A BILL

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An Act to validate the collection of fees in respect of ferry services between Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia and Takbai, Thailand which was administrated and regulated by the Public Works Department Malaysia during the period of 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2024.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fees (Pengkalan Kubor Ferry) (Validation) Act 2025.

Validation and indemnity

2. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Fees Act 1951 [*Act 209*], the fees which were charged and collected by the Public Works Department Malaysia in respect of ferry services between Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia and Takbai, Thailand during the period of 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2024 shall be deemed to have been validly charged and collected.

(2) No action or legal proceedings shall be brought or instituted against the Government of Malaysia, any officer of the Government of Malaysia or any person acting under the directions of any officer of the Government of Malaysia in respect of any fees which were charged and collected during the period referred to in subsection (1), and if any such action or legal proceedings has been brought or instituted, it shall be discharged and made void, and no refund in respect of the fees charged and collected as specified in this Act shall be made.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This proposed Fees (Pengkalan Kubor Ferry) (Validation) Bill 2025 (“the proposed Act”) seeks to validate the collection of fees in respect of ferry services between Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia and Takbai, Thailand which was administrated and regulated by the Public Works Department Malaysia during the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2024.

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

3. *Clause 2* seeks to validate the fees which were charged and collected by the Public Works Department Malaysia and paid into the Consolidated Fund in respect of ferry services between Pengkalan Kubor, Malaysia and Takbai, Thailand from 1 January 1999, being the date on which the fees rate was first charged and collected, to 31 December 2024, being the last date on which the fees rate was charged and collected before the coming into operation of the Fees (Pengkalan Kubor Ferry) (Amendment) Order 2024 [P.U. (A) 450/2024].

Clause 2 also seeks to provide that no action or legal proceedings shall be brought or instituted against the Government of Malaysia, any officer of the Government of Malaysia or any person acting under the directions of any officer of the Government of Malaysia in respect of any fees which were charged and collected during the period from 1 January 1999 to 31 December 2024.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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