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**AN ACT to make provision for the reprinting of Acts of Parliament, and subsidiary legislation made thereunder, and to provide for the incorporation of certain formal amendments in reprints.**

### **Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Reprints Act 1984*<sup>1</sup>.

### **Commencement**

2. This Act shall come into operation on a day to be fixed by proclamation<sup>1</sup>.

### **Application**

3. A written law may be reprinted under this Act whether that written law came into operation before or after the commencement of this Act.

**Interpretation**

4. In this Act, unless the contrary intention appears —

**“authorized officer”** means a person who is empowered under section 5 (3) to sign a statement under section 5 (2);

**“direct textual amendment”** means —

- (a) the repeal of matter contained in a written law;
- (b) the repeal of matter contained in a written law and the substitution of matter for the repealed matter; or
- (c) the addition of matter to, or insertion of matter into, a written law;

**“referential expression”** means an expression in or to the effect of the words —

- (a) “of this Act”;
- (b) “to this Act”;
- (c) “of this Schedule”;
- (d) “of this Part”;
- (e) “of this Division”;
- (f) “of this section”;
- (g) “of this subsection”;
- (h) “of this paragraph”;
- (i) “of this subparagraph”;

- (j) “of this clause”;
- (k) “of this subclause”;
- (ka) “of this definition”;
- (l) “of this item”;
- (m) “before-mentioned” or “afore-mentioned”;
- (n) “hereof”;
- (o) “hereto”; or
- (p) “said”, “the said”, “aforesaid” or “the aforesaid”,

and corresponding expressions appearing in subsidiary legislation, occurring in conjunction with a number or a letter or both to designate a provision of the written law in which the expression appears;

**“written law”** or **“law”** includes any portion of a written law or law.

*[Section 4 amended by No. 15 of 1994 s.4.]*

### **Attorney General may direct reprinting**

5. (1) The Attorney General may, in writing —
- (a) direct the Government Printer to reprint any written law;
  - (b) revoke or amend a direction given under paragraph (a).

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(2) A direction under subsection (1) (a), or an amendment to such a direction, shall be accompanied by —

- (a) a copy of the written law in the form in which it is required to be so reprinted; and
- (b) a statement that such form has been prepared in the Parliamentary Counsel's Office.

(3) A statement under subsection (2) (b) shall be signed by the Parliamentary Counsel, a Deputy Parliamentary Counsel, or an Assistant Parliamentary Counsel of the State, or by some other person employed in the Parliamentary Counsel's Office who is nominated by the Parliamentary Counsel and authorized in writing by the Attorney General to sign such a statement.

(4) The Government Printer shall comply with any direction given to him under this section.

*[Section 5 amended by No. 31 of 1993 s.61; No. 15 of 1994 s.5.]*

**Annotations to be included in reprint**

**6.** (1) Where a written law is reprinted under this Act there shall appear on the first page of the reprint a statement that it is reprinted under this Act.

(2) There shall also appear, in conjunction with the statement required under subsection (1), a reference to the date as at which the written law is reprinted.

(3) A reprint of a written law may include such other notes or information as the Attorney General may direct or as may be expedient to show the manner in which the reprint has been compiled.

**Amendments of a formal nature**

7. (1) An authorized officer may exercise any of the powers conferred by this section in respect of a written law that is reprinted under this Act.

(2) The exercise of a power conferred by this section shall not have effect to alter or otherwise affect the substance or operation of any written law.

(3) An authorized officer may substitute —

- (a) for words that designate cardinal numbers, figures that designate the same numbers;
- (b) for words that designate ordinal numbers, figures and letters that designate the same numbers;
- (c) for words that designate a sum of money, figures, together with the appropriate symbol, that designate the same sum;
- (d) for words, or words and figures, that designate a date, an expression that designates the same date by means of —
  - (i) the number designating the day of the month;
  - (ii) the name of the month; and
  - (iii) where required, the year expressed in figures;
- (e) for words, or words and figures, that designate a time of day, an expression that designates the same time by means of figures followed by the abbreviation “a.m.” or “p.m.” as the case may require;
- (ea) for “per centum”, or “percent” or “per cent”, the symbol “%”;

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- (f) for a reference to His Majesty the King or Her Majesty the Queen, a reference to the Crown or the Sovereign;
- (g) for a reference to a written law or a law made by or under the authority of any legislature outside the State, a reference to any other written law or law so made if the effect of —
  - (i) the *Interpretation Act 1984*; or
  - (ii) any other written law,is that the former is to be read, or to be taken to be amended to read, as the latter;
- (ga) for a reference to a provision of a written law that was renumbered under an Act repealed by section 9 (1), a reference to the provision as renumbered;
- (gb) for a written law's short title or other mode of citation which has been changed, a reference to the title or mode of citation as changed;
- (h) for a name, style or title of a person, office, officer, authority, department, place, locality, or thing which has been changed, the name, style or title as changed;
- (i) for a reference to —
  - (i) a subsection of a section of an Act or a subclause of a clause of a Schedule to an Act; or
  - (ii) any lesser subdivision of a section or clause; or
  - (iii) any corresponding provision of subsidiary legislation,which is expressed in the long form (e.g. subparagraph (a), (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of section 4), a reference to that provision expressed in the short form (e.g. section 4 (1) (a), (b) or (c).



- (4) An authorized officer may omit —
- (a) any referential expression;
  - (b) words of enactment, and in the case of subsidiary legislation, words of attestation or authentication of its making, and any signature of the maker or makers;
  - (c) a provision as to the commencement of a written law;
  - (d) a provision that consists only of a statement showing the manner in which a written law is arranged into Parts or other divisions;
  - (e) a provision that has expired or become spent or had its effect;
  - (f) any repealing provision, including any list of repealed laws;
  - (g) any saving, transitional or validation provision which can conveniently be omitted by reason of its having application only to a time or events which have passed.
- (5) An authorized officer may —
- (a) make any amendment necessary to give effect to a provision in a written law whereby other written laws are to be deemed to be amended, or to have effect or be construed as if they had been amended, in a specified manner;
  - (b) correct any error in —
    - (i) spelling;
    - (ii) grammar;

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- (iii) punctuation;
- (iv) the use of upper or lower case; or
- (v) the typing or printing,  
in or of a written law;
- (c) correct any error or anomaly in —
  - (i) the way in which a written law is referred to; or
  - (ii) the way in which a provision is designated.

(5a) For the purposes of subsection (5) an authorized officer may make any amendment not affecting the meaning of the written law.

(5b) Despite anything in subsection (2) or (5a), an authorized officer may make a clerk's amendment to an Act even if the amendment affects the operation or meaning of the Act.

(5c) In subsection (5b) "**clerk's amendment**" means an amendment of a reference in a provision of an Act to another provision of the Act, being an amendment in respect of which the Clerk of the Parliaments has issued a certificate to the Attorney General to the effect that the amendment —

- (a) is one that should have been made as a clerical amendment before an Act received the Royal Assent in consequence of other amendments made to the Act during its passage through Parliament as a Bill; and
- (b) is necessary in order to enable an Act to have the operation and meaning that Parliament intended it to have.

(6) The Attorney General may, when issuing a direction to the Government Printer under section 5 (1) or at any time subsequently, issue a certificate to the effect that an amendment

specified in the certificate has been effected in accordance with this section and such a certificate shall be evidence for all purposes, and be admissible in all courts, that the amendment has been lawfully made in accordance with this section.

[Section 7 amended by No. 15 of 1994 s.6.]

### **Proof of written law as reprinted**

8. (1) A reprint of any written law under this Act or under an Act repealed by section 9, shall be judicially noticed by all courts and persons acting judicially.

(2) Where any paper purporting to be —

- (a) a copy of a written law, or a written law as amended; and
- (b) a reprint made under this Act, or an Act repealed by section 9,

is produced to a court or person acting judicially it shall be taken, unless the contrary is shown, that the paper is a correct copy of that written law, or that written law as so amended.

### **Repeals and Savings**

9. (1) The following Acts are repealed —

- (a) the *Statutes Compilation Act 1905*;
- (b) the *Amendments Incorporation Act 1938*;
- (c) the *Reprinting of Acts Authorization Act 1953*; and
- (d) the *Reprinting of Regulations Act 1954*.

(2) Section 8 of the *Criminal Code Act 1913* is repealed.

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(3) The repeal of an Act by subsection (1) shall not affect the reprinting thereunder of any written law where the reprint was authorized by the Attorney General before such repeal; and any such written law may be reprinted as if subsection (1) had not been passed.



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### NOTES

<sup>1</sup> This reprint is a compilation as at 18 September 1996 of the *Reprints Act 1984* and includes the amendments effected by the other Acts referred to in the following Table.

Table of Acts

Act	Number	Assent	Commencement	Miscellaneous
<i>Reprints Act 1984</i>	13 of 1984	31 May 1984	1 February 1985 (see <i>Gazette</i> 11 January 1985 p.175)	
<i>Acts Amendment (Ministry of Justice) Act 1993</i> , Part 16	31 of 1993	15 December 1993	Deemed operative 1 July 1993 (see section 2)	Part 19 transitional <sup>2</sup>
<i>Reprints Amendment Act 1994</i>	15 of 1994	22 April 1994	22 April 1994	

<sup>2</sup> Part 19 of the *Acts Amendment (Ministry of Justice) Act 1993* (Act No. 31 of 1993) reads as follows —

“ **PART 19 — SAVINGS AND TRANSITIONAL**

**Savings**

**68.** If this Act is not passed until after 1 July 1993, anything done after that day but before this Act is passed that would have been in accordance with law if this Act had not come into operation but as a result of the coming into operation of this Act is contrary to law, is deemed to be in accordance with law.

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### **Transitional**

**69.** Unless the contrary intention appears, a reference, however expressed, in any law or document to the former Department of Corrective Services or Crown Law Department, the chief executive officer of either of those departments, or an office or organizational unit within either of those departments, is to be read as a reference to the Ministry of Justice, the chief executive officer of the Ministry of Justice, or the corresponding office or unit within the Ministry of Justice, as is appropriate.

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