

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012.

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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 Security Offences (Special Measures) (Amendment) Act 2024.

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

Deletion of section 19

2. The Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 [Act 747] is amended by deleting section 19.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2012 (“Act 747”).

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

3. *Clause 2* seeks to delete section 19 of Act 747 on the conviction of an accused based on an uncorroborated testimony of a child of tender years. This deletion is consequential to the amendment made to the Evidence of Child Witness Act 2007 [*Act 676*] to insert into the Act the provision to allow the Court to convict an accused on the basis of the uncorroborated evidence of a child witness given upon oath or otherwise. With this amendment, the conviction of a person for any security offence as specified in the First Schedule to Act 747 on the basis of the uncorroborated evidence of a child witness shall be dealt with under the Evidence of Child Witness Act 2007.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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