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Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 21/1985.

Read the first time on 31st October 1985.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Criminal Procedure Code (Chapter 113 of the Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Act 1985 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 **Amendment of section 7**

2. Section 7 of the Criminal Procedure Code (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “seven years” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “10 years”; and

10 (b) by deleting the words “or imprisonment for life” in subsection (2).

Amendment of section 9

3. Section 9(c)(i) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “seven years” and substituting the words “10 years”.

15 **Amendment of section 11**

4. Section 11(3) of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “five years” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “7 years”; and

20 (b) by deleting the words “five thousand dollars” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “\$10,000”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to extend the criminal jurisdiction of the District Court by enabling it to try all offences for which the maximum term of imprisonment does not exceed 10 years. At present the District Court can try offences for which the maximum term of imprisonment does not exceed 7 years. The Bill also empowers the District Court to try offences, other than offences punishable with death, where the Public Prosecutor applies to the Court to try such offence and the accused has consented to be so tried. The Bill further empowers the District Court to pass a sentence of imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years, as against 5 years at present, and to impose a fine not exceeding \$10,000, as against \$5,000 at present.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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