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OF WITNESSES ACT 1947**

An Act to provide enhanced punishments for the offences of abduction and criminal intimidation in certain circumstances.

[10 June 1947]

**Short title and application**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Abduction and Criminal Intimidation of Witnesses Act 1947.

(2) This Act shall apply to Peninsular Malaysia only.

**Interpretation**

2. (1) In this Act, unless the subject or context otherwise requires—

“abduction”, “abetment”, “attempt”, “criminal intimidation”, “extortion”, “giving false evidence” and “fabricating false evidence” with their grammatical variations and cognate expressions have the same meaning as in the Penal Code [Act 574];

“criminal proceeding” includes any criminal trial or inquiry before a Court or tribunal having criminal jurisdiction, and an inquest or inquiry into a death, and a police investigation under the Criminal Procedure Code [Act 593].

(2) For the purposes of this Act, the course of justice is impeded if any person from whom is required any evidence, testimony, statement or information in or for the purposes of any criminal proceeding, ceases to be available to give such evidence, testimony, statement or information, or withholds such evidence, testimony, statement or information, or gives or fabricates false evidence.

**Abduction with intent to commit extortion**

3. Whoever abducts any person—

- (a) with the intent that such person shall be held to ransom or that extortion shall be committed from that person or any other person; or
- (b) knowing it to be likely that such person will be held to ransom or that extortion will be committed from that person or any other person,

shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years and shall also be liable to fine.

**Abduction impeding the course of justice**

4. Whoever abducts any person so that the course of justice is thereby impeded shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to fourteen years and shall also be liable to fine.

**Criminal intimidation to impede the course of justice**

5. Whoever commits criminal intimidation—

- (a) with intent to impede the course of justice; or
- (b) so that the course of justice is thereby impeded,

shall be punished with imprisonment which may extend to ten years and shall also be liable to fine.

**Abetments and attempts**

6. Notwithstanding anything contained in any written law, whoever abets or attempts to commit any offence punishable under this Act shall be liable to be punished with the punishment provided for that offence.

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