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**Act 355**

## **SYARIAH COURTS (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) ACT 1965**

*As at 1 December 2014*

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JURISDICTION) ACT 1965**

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| First Enacted | ... | ... | ... | 1965 (Act No. 23 of 1965)            |
| Revised       | ... | ... | ... | 1988 (Act 355 w.e.f 1 December 1988) |

*PREVIOUS REPRINTS*

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An act to confer jurisdiction upon Courts constituted under any State law for the purpose of dealing with offences under Islamic law.

*[1 April 1965]*

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**Short title and application**

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965.

(2) This Act shall apply to all the States of Malaysia.

**Criminal Jurisdiction of Syariah Courts**

2. The Syariah Courts duly constituted under any law in a State and invested with jurisdiction over persons professing the religion of Islam and in respect of any of the matters enumerated in List II of the State List of the Ninth Schedule to the Federal Constitution are hereby conferred jurisdiction in respect of offences against precepts of the religion of Islam by persons professing that religion which may be prescribed under any written law:

Provided that such jurisdiction shall not be exercised in respect of any offence punishable with imprisonment for a term exceeding three years or with any fine exceeding five thousand ringgit or with whipping exceeding six strokes or with any combination thereof.

**Validation**

**3.** All offences under Islamic law which before the commencement of this Act in relation to the States of Peninsular Malaysia and which before the commencement of the Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) (Amendment and Extension) Act 1989 in relation to the States of Sabah and Sarawak, had been tried by any of the Courts aforesaid shall be deemed to have been validly tried as if jurisdiction in respect thereof had been conferred on those Courts by Federal law.

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## LIST OF AMENDMENTS

| Amending law | Short title  | In force from |
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| Act A612     | Muslim Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction)<br>(Amendment) Act 1984                | 01-01-1984    |
| Act A730     | Syariah Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction)<br>(Amendment and Extension) Act 1989 | 05-05-1989    |

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| 1       | Act A730           | 05-05-1989    |
| 2       | Act A612           | 01-01-1986    |
| 3       | Act A730           | 05-05-1989    |

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