

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1953.

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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 Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2022.

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

New section 3A

2. The Criminal Justice Act 1953 [*Act 345*] is amended by inserting after section 3 the following section:

“Natural life sentences

3A. Where any person is treated as having been sentenced or is hereafter sentenced to imprisonment for natural life, such sentence shall be deemed for all purposes to be a sentence of imprisonment until the death of the person on whom the sentence is imposed.”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Criminal Justice Act 1953 (“Act 345”).

2. *Clause 1* contains the short title and the provision on the commencement of the proposed Act.
3. *Clause 2* seeks to introduce a new section 3A into Act 345 to provide for an explanation for the term of imprisonment for natural life.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will involve the Government in extra financial expenditure the amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.

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