

I assent.

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MYRIAM SPITERI DEBONO
President

21st February, 2025

ACT No. V of 2025

An ACT to further amend the Criminal Code, Cap. 9.

BE IT ENACTED by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:-

1. The short title of this Act is the Criminal Code (Amendment No. 2) Act, 2025 and this Act shall be read and construed as one with the Criminal Code, hereinafter referred to as "the Code".

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2. In sub-article (1) of article 412A of the Code the words "in those proceedings." shall be substituted by the words "in those proceedings:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

Amendment of article 412A of the Code.

"Provided that regulations made by the Minister responsible for justice in accordance with the proviso to article 574(1) shall apply in respect of the enforcement of the conditions imposed by the court under this sub-article, also including insofar as they may provide for the use of electronic or other systems for the management of bail."

3. In sub-article (1) of article 574 of the Code the words "served on the person charged or accused." shall be substituted by the words "served on the person charged or accused:" and immediately thereafter

Amendment of article 574 of the Code.

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there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that the Minister responsible for justice may by regulations provide for any systems of bail management whether electronic or otherwise, and for procedures, formalities or modalities which are to apply in order to ensure that the person charged or accused abides by the conditions imposed upon him by the court when release from custody on bail of the person charged or accused is granted subject to the condition that the person charged or accused attends at a place on specified days and times. Such regulations may also provide for the taking and use of fingerprints, and the processing of any data derived from such fingerprints by electronic means."

Passed by the House of Representatives at Sitting No. 312 of the 17th February, 2025.

ANĠLU FARRUGIA
Speaker

ELEANOR SCERRI
Clerk of the House of Representatives

