



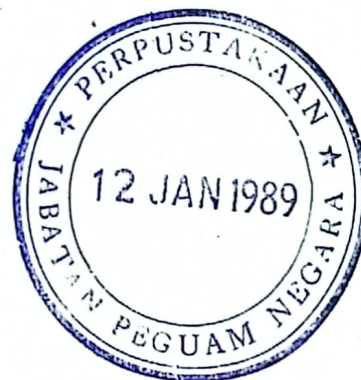
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**LAWS OF MALAYSIA**

**Act 355**

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

**(Revised—1988)**





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*Laws Act 1968 (Act 1)* ... 1st December 1988



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**ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS**

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**Section**

1. Short title and application.
2. Criminal Jurisdiction of Syariah Courts.
3. Validation.

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## LAWS OF MALAYSIA

Act 355

### SYARIAH COURTS (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) ACT 1965

(Revised—1988)

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

[1st April 1965.]

BE IT ENACTED by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia 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:

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

Short title and application.

(2) This Act shall apply <sup>all</sup> only to <sup>of</sup> the States <sup>of</sup> West-Malaysia.

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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:

Criminal Jurisdiction of Syariah Courts.

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 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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*Particulars under section 7 (ii) and (iii) of the Revision  
of Laws Act 1968 (Act 1)*

**LIST OF AMENDMENTS**

Amending law	Short title	In force from
Act A612 ..	Muslim Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Act 1984	1-1-1984
Act 160 ..	Malaysian Currency (Ringgit) Act 1975	28-8-1975

**LIST OF LAWS OR PARTS THEREOF SUPERSEDED**

No.	Title
23 of 1965 ..	Muslim Courts (Criminal Jurisdiction) Act 1965

## SYARIAH COURTS (CRIMINAL JURISDICTION) ACT 1965

(Revised—1988)

### LIST OF AMENDMENTS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF LAW REVISION UNDER SECTION 6 OF THE REVISION OF LAW ACT 1968 (ACT 1)

Provision	Particulars of Amendment	Authority for Amendment
s.1(2) ... ..	The words "the States West Malaysia" substituted for the words "the States of Malaya"	s. 6 (1) (iii)
Throughout the Act	1. The words "Syariah Courts" substituted for the words "Muslim Courts"	s. 6 (1) (iii); Act A354
	2. The words "Islamic law" substituted for the words "Muslim law"	s. 6 (1) (iii); Act A354
	3. The words "religion of Islam" Substituted for the words "Muslim religion"	s. 6 (1) (iii); Act A354