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A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COPYRIGHT ACT 2002 AS A CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPUTER CRIMES BILL 2019

BE IT ENACTED by the King and Legislative Assembly of Tonga in the Legislature of the Kingdom as follows:

1 Short Title

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Copyright (Amendment) Act 2019.
- (2) In this Act, the Copyright Act 2002, as amended, shall be referred to as the Principal Act.

2 Section 30 amended

Section 30(1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting a new sub-clause (e) in the appropriate place -

- “(e) a person who, by means of a computer system, infringes a right protected under this Act commits an offence.”.

Passed by the Legislative Assembly this day of 2019.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

(These notes do not form part of the Bill and are only intended to explain its scope and purpose)

Section 30 amended

- (1) This amendment is to ensure that a person who infringes a right protected under the Principal Act, by means of a computer system, commits an offence.
- (2) This amendment implements Article 10 of the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime which criminalizes the infringement of copyright by means of a computer system.

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