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**THE CRIMINAL CODE (AMENDMENT) ACT 2025**

**Act No. 11 of 2025**

*I assent*

**DHARAMBEER GOKHOOL, G.C.S.K**

*President of the Republic of Mauritius*

*14<sup>th</sup> May 2025*

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

*Section*

1. Short title
2. Interpretation
3. Section 242 of principal Act repealed
4. Section 245 of principal Act repealed and replaced

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**An Act**

**To amend the Criminal Code**

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows –

**1. Short title**

This Act may be cited as the Criminal Code (Amendment) Act 2025.

**2. Interpretation**

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Criminal Code.

**3. Section 242 of principal Act repealed**

Section 242 of the principal Act is repealed.

**4. Section 245 of principal Act repealed and replaced**

Section 245 of the principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following section –

**245. Homicide and wounds and blows under lawful authority**

There is neither crime, nor misdemeanour, where homicide is, or wounds or blows are, committed as a result of the use, to such extent and in such circumstances as are permitted by law, of such force as is reasonably justifiable –

- (a) for the defence of any person from violence or for the defence of property;
- (b) in order to effect a lawful arrest or to prevent the escape of a person lawfully detained;
- (c) for the purpose of suppressing a riot, insurrection or mutiny; or
- (d) in order to prevent the commission by that person of a criminal offence or if he dies as the result of a lawful act of war.

Passed by the National Assembly on the thirteenth day of May two thousand and twenty five.

**Navin Gopall**

*Acting Clerk of the National Assembly*

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