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*An Ordinance to amend the Interpretation Ordinance, 2005
[Cap. 61].*

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Enacted by the Legislature of Sarawak—

Short title and commencement

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Interpretation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022 and shall come into force on a date to be appointed by the Yang di-Pertua Negeri by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Schedule

2. The Principal Ordinance is amended by substituting the Schedule with the following new Schedule:

“SCHEDULE

(Section 3)

Races considered to be indigenous to Sarawak and accordingly natives within the meaning of this Ordinance:

Bagatan
Bakong
Bemali
Berawan
Bidayuh or Land Dayak (including Salako, Rara, Jagoi,
Singai, Biatah and Bukar-Sadong)
Bisaya
Buket or Ukit

Dali
Dusun
Iban or Sea Dayak
Jatti Miriek
Kajang (including Sekapan, Kejaman, Lahanan, Punan,
Tanjong and Kanowit)
Kayan
Kedayan
Kelabit
Kenyah (including Badeng, Sebop and Seping)
Lakiput
Lisum
Logat
Malay
Melanau
Murut or Lun Bawang
Narom
Penan
Sa'ban
Sihan
Tabun
Tagal
Tatau
Tring
Vaie

and includes a person who:

(a) is a citizen and a natural born child of a person of a race indigenous to Sarawak; and

(b) satisfies the conditions and requirements imposed by Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri for recognition of such a person as a native of Sarawak:

Provided that this Schedule shall not have any effect on any rights and privileges (other than the determination of native status) including relating to inheritance, acquisition, purchase, transfer, sale or disposal of or other dealing in land subsisting,

made or occurring prior to the date of coming into force of this Ordinance, and which has been finally decided by a Court of competent jurisdiction or by a competent authority.”

New section 63

3. The Interpretation Ordinance, 2005 [*Cap. 61*] (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Ordinance”), is amended by adding immediately after section 62 the following new section:

“Power of Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri to amend Schedule

63. The Majlis Mesyuarat Kerajaan Negeri may, by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.”

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