AMENDMENTS TO THE MAINTENANCE OF RELIGIOUS HARMONY ACT (MRHA)
Why do we need to amend the Maintenance of Religious Harmony Act (MRHA)?

The amendments strengthen our ability to safeguard against and respond more effectively to threats to our religious harmony.

Penal Code offences relating to religion will also be consolidated under the MRHA.

Various religious organisations have provided feedback, and support the proposed amendments.
Introducing Safeguards against Foreign Influence

To safeguard against foreign influence that may adversely affect our religious harmony, religious groups will be required to:

- Disclose single donations of $10,000 or more from foreign donors.
- Ensure key leadership positions are held by Singapore citizens or Permanent Residents.
- Declare affiliations to foreign individuals or organisations with control over a local religious organisation.
Key Amendment

[NEW]

Introduction of the Community Remedial Initiative (CRI)

Provides offenders with opportunities to better understand and mend relations with affected religious communities.

The CRI is voluntary and taken into account when assessing whether to prosecute for the offending act(s).
Key Amendment

Updating the Restraining Order (RO)

The Government can issue ROs to individuals who cause religious disharmony or mix religion and politics, to prevent further such actions by them.

[NEW]

• Once issued, ROs will take immediate effect to prevent offensive statements from spreading on the Internet and social media.

• ROs can also be issued to religious organisations to further safeguard against foreign influence.

[UNCHANGED]

Offenders can appeal to the Presidential Council for Religious Harmony, which will then recommend to the President whether to confirm, cancel or vary the ROs.