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IN MALAYSIA
LEGAL PERSPECTIVE

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BACKGROUND

The main statute governing the housing industry in Peninsular Malaysia is the HDA (full term prior to abbreviation) which came into force on 29th August, 1969. This Act has been amended several times and the most recent amendment has been enforced on 12th April, 2007.² As for the HDA Regulations its amendment came into force on the 1st December 2007. The focal point for discussions in this chapter would be on the amendments in 2007 of both the HDA and HDA Regulations. It is hoped that it will engender a brief understanding on the current law involving housing development in Peninsular Malaysia.

CLEAR OBJECTIVE OF THE ACT

It is already understood by the public that the main objective of the enforcement of the HDA is to protect house purchasers. The intended object of this Act for the first time has been highlighted by the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr. Khaw Kai Boh at the time