

Parliament: PPPA Amendment Bill Tabled For First Reading
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 18 (Bernama) -- The Printing Presses and Publications Bill (Amendment) 2012 which seeks to remove the minister's "absolute power" in granting or refusing a printing press licence, was tabled for first reading at the Dewan Rakyat here Wednesday.

Deputy Home Minister Datuk Wira Abu Seman Yusop tabled the bill, seeking to amend five parts of the Act 301.

This includes to amend Subsection 3(3) of Act 301 to remove the reference to the minister's "absolute discretion" in granting or refusing a printing press licence.

It also seeks to remove minister's power to specify the period of validity of such license.

The Bill also seeks to amend Subsection 6(1) to remove the reference of minister's "absolute discretion" to grant a person a permit to print or publish a newspaper in Malaysia or in granting a proprietor of any newspaper in Singapore a permit allowing such newspaper to be imported, sold, circulated or distributed in Malaysia.

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