Singapore's Death Penalty Changes - Too little too late or the Beginning of the End?

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History was created recently in Singapore when, for the first time, changes were made to death penalty laws which reduced the reach of capital punishment for murder and drug offences. They were admittedly modest in scope, but the important question now is whether it is a foretaste of greater restrictions and eventually abolition, or merely evidence that this is about as far as the Legislature is willing to go in the foreseeable future.

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