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An Act to amend the Fire Services Act 1988.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Fire Services (Amendment) Act 2018.

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(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* and the Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of long title

2. The Fire Services Act 1988 [*Act 341*], which is referred to as the "principal Act" in this Act, is amended by inserting after the words "property from fire risks" the words "or emergencies".

Amendment of section 2

- 3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) in the definition of "fire-fighting equipment or fire safety installation"—
 - (i) in paragraph (*f*), by deleting the word "or" at the end of the paragraph;
 - (ii) in paragraph (g), by inserting after the semicolon at the end of the paragraph the word "or"; and
 - (iii) by inserting after paragraph (g) the following paragraph:
 - "(*h*) controlling the spread of smoke resulting from a fire;";
 - (b) by inserting after the definition of "fire-fighting equipment or fire safety installation" the following definition:

' "vehicle" has the meaning assigned to it in the Road Transport Act 1987 [Act 333];';

(c) by inserting after the definition of "notice" the following definition:

' "Voluntary Fire Brigade" means a Voluntary Fire Brigade established under section 4_B;';

- (d) in the definition of "Senior Fire Officer", by substituting for the words "Assistant Superintendent" the words "Assistant Fire Superintendent";
- (e) by inserting after the definition of "owner" the following definition:

' "Registrar" means the Director General;'; and

(f) in the definition of "special duty", by substituting for the words "authorized officer" the words "Fire Officer, Auxiliary Fire Officer or Voluntary Fire Officer".

Amendment of section 3

- 4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words "Assistant Directors General of Fire and Rescue,";
 - (b) in subsection (4), by deleting the words ", Assistant Director General,";
 - (c) in subsection (6), by substituting for the words "and Auxiliary Fire Officers" the words ", Auxiliary Fire Officers and Voluntary Fire Officers"; and
 - (d) by inserting after subsection (6) the following subsection:

"(7) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend the Second Schedule.".

Amendment of section 4

- 5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended—
 - (a) in the shoulder note, by deleting the words "Appointment of"; and
 - (b) by inserting after subsection (1) the following subsection:

"(1A) The Director General may promote an Auxiliary Fire Officer.".

New sections 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 4 the following sections:

"Voluntary Fire Officers

4A. (1) The Director General may, with the concurrence of the Minister, appoint such number of Voluntary Fire Officers on such terms and conditions as may be prescribed.