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An Act to provide for the naval, military and air forces of certain other countries visiting Singapore, and for the apprehension and disposal of deserters or absentees without leave in Singapore from the forces of such countries and for matters connected therewith.

[16 September 1963]

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act is the Visiting Forces Act 1960.

Interpretation

- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised service organisation” means a body organised for the benefit of or to serve the welfare of a force or civilian component or dependant;

“civilian component” means the civilian personnel accompanying a force, who are employed in the service of a force or by an authorised service organisation accompanying a force, and who are not stateless persons nor citizens of, nor ordinarily resident in Singapore;

“court” includes a service court;

“court of Singapore” means any court in Singapore other than a service court;

“dependant”, in relation to a member of a force or civilian component, means a person who is not ordinarily resident in Singapore and who is —

- (a) the wife or husband of any such member;
- (b) wholly or mainly maintained or employed by any such member; or
- (c) is in the custody, charge or care, or who forms part of the family of any such member;

“forces”, in relation to a country, means any of the naval, military or air forces of that country;

“law of Singapore” means any written law for the time being in force in Singapore or any part thereof, and includes the Constitution;

“member”, in relation to a visiting force, means a member of the force of a sending country, being one of the members of the force for the time being appointed to serve with that visiting force, and includes any person in Singapore for the time being voluntarily enlisted in that force;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being charged with the responsibility for defence;

“sending country”, in relation to a visiting force, means the country of whose forces the visiting force forms part;

“service authorities” means the authorities of a force who are empowered by the law of the country of whose forces the visiting force forms part to exercise command or jurisdiction over members of a force;

“service court” means a court established under service law and includes any authority of a country who under the law of that country is empowered to review the proceedings of such a court or to try or investigate charges brought against persons subject to the service law of that country; and references to trial by, or to sentences passed by, service courts of a country shall be construed respectively as including references to trial