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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 11 January 2022 and assented to by the President on 8 February 2022:—

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**No. 6 of 2022.**

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
8 February 2022.

(LS)

An Act to amend the Prisons Act, to validate certain appointments under that Act, and to make a related amendment to the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

**Short title and commencement**

1. This Act is the Prisons (Amendment) Act 2022 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Prisons Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “basic condition”, the following definition:

““auxiliary police officer” means a person appointed as such under Part 9 of the Police Force Act 2004;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Commissioner”, the following definition:

““controlled drug” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1973;”;

(c) by deleting the word “the” in the definition of “Deputy Commissioner” and substituting the word “a”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “external placement order” and substituting the following definitions:

““employment preparation”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the employment preparation order for the purposes of enhancing a prisoner’s employability and facilitating the prisoner’s reintegration into society;

“employment preparation order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 59K;

“external placement”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the

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place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the external placement order;

“external placement order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 59B;

“home detention”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the home detention order for the purpose of facilitating a prisoner’s rehabilitation and reintegration into society;

“home detention order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 52;

“infectious disease” means any of the diseases specified in the First Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act 1976 and includes any other disease —

(a) that is caused or is suspected to be caused by a micro-organism or any agent of disease;

(b) that is capable or is suspected to be capable of transmission by any means to human beings; and

(c) that a medical officer has reason to believe, if left uninvestigated or unchecked, is likely to result in an epidemic of the disease;

“intoxicating substance” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Intoxicating Substances Act 1987;”;

(e) by deleting the words “16 years” in the definition of “juvenile” and substituting the words “18 years”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the word “Commissioner,” in the definition of “prison officer”, the word “any”; and
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words “external placement order” in the definition of “prisoner”, the words “, an employment preparation order”.

#### **Amendment of section 4**

#### **3. Section 4 of the Prisons Act is amended —**

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) Where —

- (a) persons are likely to be arrested for one or more offences that arise from the same series of acts, whether or not those acts form the same transaction; and
- (b) the number of such arrested persons is likely to be large,

the Minister may, if the Minister considers it necessary to do so, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint one or more places that are not police stations or court houses to be temporary lock-ups for a period not exceeding one month for the confinement of such arrested persons.

(1B) However, at the expiry of the period mentioned in subsection (1A), the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, extend the period of appointment for further periods not exceeding one month at a time if the Minister is satisfied that the circumstances warrant it under that subsection.

(1C) A notification under subsection (1A) or (1B) must specify the period or the extension of the period (as the case may be) during which the place is appointed as a temporary lock-up.”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(2A) A temporary lock-up appointed under subsection (1A), or the appointment of which is extended under subsection (1B), is not to be treated as a prison for the purposes of this Act or of the Registration of Criminals Act 1949 and regulations made under section 84 do not apply to such temporary lock-ups.

(2B) Every temporary lock-up appointed under subsection (1A) is a lock-up for the period appointed under subsection (1A) or extended under subsection (1B) for the purposes of this Act.”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “subsection (1)” in subsection (3), the words “, and to temporary lock-ups appointed under subsection (1A)”;
- and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the word “detention” in the section heading, the words “, and temporary lock-ups”.

#### **Amendment of section 20**

#### **4. Section 20 of the Prisons Act is amended —**

- (a) by deleting the words “a Deputy Commissioner of Prisons and one or more” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “one or more Deputy Commissioners of Prisons,”;
- (b) by deleting the words “, Deputy Commissioner and of every” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “and of every Deputy Commissioner,”;
- (c) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Every Deputy Commissioner, Divisional Director and Cluster Commander may, subject to any direction that may be given by the Commissioner, exercise and perform all or any of the powers, duties and functions of the Commissioner under any provision of this Act or any other written law; and