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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 3 August 2021 and assented to by the President on 23 August 2021:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 21 of 2021.

I assent.

(LS)

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
23 August 2021.

An Act to amend the Police Force 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 Police Force (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Police Force Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “lance corporal” in the definition of “constable” and substituting the word “corporal”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “national serviceman”, the following definition:

““non-police personnel performing duties in the Police Force” means a public officer or any other individual, either of whom is not a police officer but is performing duties in the Police Force under —

- (a) a posting; or
- (b) a secondment arrangement making available temporarily to the Police Force the services of such public officer or individual;”.

New section 13A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following section:

“No resignation during crisis period

13A.—(1) Where a notice of resignation is given in accordance with section 11(3) or 13(4), or the terms of engagement mentioned in section 12, and is accepted before a crisis period starts —

- (a) the notice of resignation does not take effect before the end of the crisis period;

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- (b) the crisis period must be excluded in calculating any notice period in order for the resignation to take effect; and
 - (c) any notice period for the resignation to take effect must be extended by a period equal to the length of the crisis period,

unless the Commissioner waives the application of this subsection to the particular notice of resignation on the ground that the service of the police officer or temporary constable giving the notice is not necessary for the securing of the public safety, defence and security of Singapore.

(2) Despite section 11(3), 12 or 13(4), a notice of resignation to resign from the Police Force that is given by a police officer or temporary constable is invalid if —

- (a) the notice of resignation is given during a crisis period; and
- (b) the Commissioner refuses the notice of resignation.

(3) The Commissioner may refuse a notice of resignation given during a crisis period only if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the service of the police officer or temporary constable giving the notice is necessary for the securing of the public safety, defence and security of Singapore.

(4) In this section, “crisis period” means the period when any of the following is in force:

- (a) a Proclamation of Emergency issued under Article 150(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;
- (b) an activation order given under section 8(1) of the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018.”.

Amendment of section 15

4. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Every police officer must, before leaving the Police Force because of his or her resignation, dismissal, discharge or otherwise, deliver up in good order (fair wear and tear only excepted) any of the following that belongs to the Government, is issued to the police officer and is in his or her possession:

- (a) arms or ammunition;
- (b) any other article or property specified in the Police General Orders in section 118 or the Force Orders in section 119.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 17

5. Section 17 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Delegation of powers

17.—(1) Except as otherwise specially provided in section 18 or 110A and the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018, any act or thing which may be done, ordered or performed by the Commissioner under this Act or any other written law may, subject to the orders and directions of the Commissioner, be done, ordered or performed by —

- (a) any police officer not below the rank of superintendent; or
- (b) any non-police personnel performing duties in the Police Force who is not below the prescribed grade.

(2) Except as otherwise specially provided in section 18 or any other written law, where a Deputy Commissioner is absent or incapable for any reason of performing or discharging any of his or her duties under any written law, the Commissioner may authorise —

- (a) any police officer not below the rank of assistant superintendent; or

(b) any non-police personnel performing duties in the Police Force who is not below the prescribed grade, to exercise the powers conferred and perform the duties imposed on the Deputy Commissioner by any written law.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 26

6. Section 26 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Road barriers

26.—(1) Despite any other law in force in Singapore, any police officer may, if the police officer considers it necessary to do so for the maintenance and preservation of law and order or for the prevention or detection of crime —

- (a) erect or place barriers in or across any public road or street or in any public place in such manner as the police officer may think fit; and
- (b) take all reasonable steps to prevent any vehicle being driven or ridden past, or any person from crossing, any such barrier.

(2) Where a barrier is erected or placed in or across any public road or street or in any public place pursuant to subsection (1), a police officer may order the driver or rider of any vehicle travelling in the direction of the barrier —

- (a) to proceed towards the barrier and stop the vehicle at or near, or before reaching the barrier; and
- (b) to remain in the vehicle and keep the vehicle stationary until permitted by a police officer to proceed.

(3) An order under subsection (2) to the driver or rider of any vehicle may be given —

- (a) by spoken word in a manner which is likely to be audible to the driver or rider;