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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 5 August 2019 and assented to by the President on 29 August 2019:—

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No. 22 of 2019.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
29 August 2019.

An Act to amend the Fire Safety Act (Chapter 109A of the 2000 Revised Edition).

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 Fire Safety (Amendment) Act 2019 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 Fire Safety Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “Commissioner” in the definition of “Fire Code” in subsection (1), the words “on the website maintained by the Force,”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (b) of the definition of “fire hazard” in subsection (1);
- (c) by deleting paragraphs (d) and (e) of the definition of “fire hazard” in subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(d) any specified fire hazard; and”;

- (d) by deleting the definition of “fire safety works” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definition:

““fire safety works” means —

- (a) any fire protection works;
- (b) the installation, provision or removal of, or addition or alteration to, any fire safety measure;
- (c) any relevant pipeline works; or
- (d) any relevant works;”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Force” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““install”, in relation to a regulated fire safety product, includes the use of the regulated fire safety product in the construction of a building;”;

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- (f) by deleting the definition of “minor works” in subsection (1);
- (g) by deleting the definition of “public building” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definitions:
- ““public authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function, but does not include a Town Council;
- “public building” means a building to which the public or a section of the public has access as of right, or by virtue of express or implied permission with or without payment of a fee;”;
- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “registered inspector” in subsection (1), the following definition:
- ““regulated fire safety product” means any material or product prescribed under section 61(1) to be such;”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “relevant pipeline works” in subsection (1), the following definitions:
- ““relevant works” means —
- (a) the erection, extension, alteration, addition or repair of a building —
- (i) that involves the use of combustible materials; or
- (ii) that affects the means of escape from the building or the effectiveness of fire safety measures;
- (b) the provision, extension or alteration of any air-conditioning service or ventilating system in or in connection with a building; or

- (c) the provision, extension or alteration of any system for the delivery of liquefied petroleum gas from a cylinder to the point of use, in or in connection with any building that is used for a non-residential purpose;

“specified fire hazard”, in relation to a building, means —

- (a) the overcrowding of a building that is a public building such as might render escape in the event of fire more difficult;
- (b) any fire safety measure in the building that is not in proper working order, whether because of lack of proper maintenance or for any other reason; or
- (c) the obstruction of escape routes, passageways, common property or limited common property of the building such as might render escape in the event of fire more difficult;” and

(j) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“(4) Where —

- (a) by or under any provision of this Act, an act or a thing is required or directed to be done within a particular period or before a particular time;
- (b) failure to do that act or thing within the period or before the time mentioned in paragraph (a) constitutes an offence; and

- (c) that act or thing is not done within the period or before the time mentioned in paragraph (a),

the obligation to do that act or thing continues, despite that the period or time mentioned in paragraph (a) has expired or passed, until that act or thing is done; and a person shall be guilty of a separate offence in respect of each day or part of a day after that period or time has expired or passed, during which the person continues to refuse or fail to comply with that requirement or direction.”.

New section 3A

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

“Registration required to act as registered inspector

3A. A person commits an offence if —

- (a) the person is not a registered inspector; and
- (b) the person, knowing that he is not a registered inspector, intentionally does any of the following, whether or not for reward:
 - (i) certify that any completed fire safety works have been carried out in accordance with the approved plans of fire safety works, the Fire Code, and the provisions of this Act, for the purposes of section 29(5);
 - (ii) inspect any fire safety works for the purpose of making a certification mentioned in sub-paragraph (i);
 - (iii) advertise or otherwise hold out that the person is willing to do (whether or not for reward) anything in sub-paragraph (i) or (ii).”.