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MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 2017

(No. 45 of 2017)

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No. 45 of 2017.

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
7 December 2017.

An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Massage Establishments Act (Chapter 173 of the 2013 Revised Edition) to provide for the licensing and control of establishments for massage, and to make a consequential amendment to the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2013 Revised Edition).

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

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Massage Establishments Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Interpretation

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

“advertise” means to advertise, directly or indirectly, by means of spoken words or any form of printed or written matter or any other medium;

“authorised person” means an individual appointed as an authorised person under section 4(1);

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police appointed under the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“establishment for massage” means any premises used, represented as being used, or intended to be used, for the reception or treatment of persons seeking massage;

“inspecting officer” means the Licensing Officer, an Assistant Licensing Officer, a police officer or an authorised person;

“licence” means a licence granted under section 7(1);

“licensee” means any person to whom a licence is granted;

“Licensing Officer” means the officer appointed under section 3(a), and includes an Assistant Licensing Officer;

“massage” means the act of rubbing, kneading, or manipulating the human body or any part of it, by any person (whether or not using any hand-held equipment), for the purpose of relaxing muscle tension, stimulating circulation, increasing suppleness or otherwise;

“occupier”, in relation to any premises, means the tenant, subtenant or lessee of the premises or any person in charge of the premises, whether or not that person is in actual