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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 8 May 2017 and assented to by the President on 7 June 2017:—

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**No. 28 of 2017.**

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,

*President.*

*7 June 2017.*



An Act to rename and amend the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act (Chapter 257 of the 2001 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

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 Public Entertainments and Meetings (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of long title**

2. The long title to the Public Entertainments and Meetings Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “and meetings”.

**Amendment of section 1**

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “and Meetings”.

**Amendment of section 2**

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “Schedule” in the definitions of “arts entertainment” and “public entertainment” in subsection (1) and substituting in each case the words “First Schedule”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Arts Entertainment Licensing Officer” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “authorised person” means an individual appointed as an authorised person under section 4(2);”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public entertainment” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “Public Entertainment Appeal Board” means the Public Entertainment Appeal Board established under section 16AA;”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Public Entertainment Licensing Officer” in subsection (1), the following definition:

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“ “responsible officer”, in relation to an applicant or a licensee, means —

- (a) where the applicant or licensee is a body corporate, a director of the body corporate;
  - (b) where the applicant or licensee is a partnership (including a limited partnership and limited liability partnership), a partner of the partnership; and
  - (c) where the applicant or licensee is an unincorporated association registered under the Societies Act (Cap. 311), an officer of the unincorporated association;”;
- (e) by deleting the word “Schedule” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “First Schedule”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:
- “(2AA) In determining any approved place for the purposes of this Act, the appropriate Licensing Officer —
- (a) must act in conformity with the provisions of the Master Plan and any Certified Interpretation Plan under the Planning Act (Cap. 232) and any authorisation under section 21(6) of that Act; and
  - (b) may approve an approved place, subject to written permission being obtained under the Planning Act for any development of or works on the land that constitutes the approved place, if required.”; and
- (g) by deleting the word “Schedule” in subsection (2B) and substituting the word “Schedules”.

**Amendment of section 4**

5. The principal Act is amended by renumbering section 4 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) The appropriate Licensing Officer may, in relation to any provision of this Act, appoint an individual who is suitably trained as an authorised person for the purposes of that provision, subject to such conditions or limitations as set out in this Act or as the Licensing Officer may specify.

(3) An authorised person who, in the course of duty as an authorised person, exercises any power as such, is deemed to be a public servant for the purposes of the Penal Code (Cap. 224) when exercising such power.”.

**Amendment of section 5**

6. Section 5(3) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “website” in paragraph (a), the words “(including criteria and requirements relating to any responsible officer of the applicant and any person having substantial interest in, or control or direction over, the business of the applicant)”.

**Amendment of section 10**

7. Section 10 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5).

**Amendment of section 11**

8. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (6).

**Amendment of section 13**

9. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (3) and (4).

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**Amendment of section 14**

**10.** Section 14 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “fit and proper person to hold such licence” in subsection (2), the words “, having regard to the criteria and requirements mentioned in section 5(3)(a)”;

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

“(2A) Despite subsection (3A), the appropriate Licensing Officer may immediately suspend a licence if proceedings have commenced against the licensee, a responsible officer of the licensee or a person having substantial interest in, or control or direction over, the business of the licensee, for any offence —

(a) specified in the Second Schedule; and

(b) arising out of or in connection with any activity at an approved place specified in the licence,

until the conclusion of those proceedings.”; and

(c) by deleting subsections (5) and (6).

**Amendment of section 15**

**11.** Section 15(2) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “the licensee has”, the words “consented to have an offence under section 19(1)(c) taken into consideration by a court in determining and passing sentence for any other offence or”.

**Amendment of section 15A**

**12.** Section 15A of the principal Act is amended —

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

“(2A) In classifying any arts entertainment, the Arts Entertainment Licensing Officer may impose such