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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 9th May 2016 and assented to by the President on 31st May 2016:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 16 of 2016.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
31st May 2016.



An Act to amend certain Acts of the Republic of Singapore.

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 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2016 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Arbitration Act

2. Section 13(8) of the Arbitration Act (Cap. 10, 2002 Ed.) is amended by deleting the word “Chairman” and substituting the words “President of the Court of Arbitration”.

Amendment of Community Mediation Centres Act

3. Section 21 of the Community Mediation Centres Act (Cap. 49A, 1998 Ed.) is repealed.

Amendment of Conveyancing and Law of Property Act

4. The Conveyancing and Law of Property Act (Cap. 61, 1994 Ed.) is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (5) of section 7 and substituting the following subsection:

“(5) A person is deemed to be expressed to convey in a fiduciary capacity if the person is expressed to convey —

- (a) as a trustee or mortgagee;
- (b) as a personal representative of a deceased person;
- (c) as a donee of a lasting power of attorney granted under the Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A);
- (d) as a deputy appointed or deemed to be appointed by the court under the Mental Capacity Act; or
- (e) under an order of court.”; and

- (b) by deleting the words “Mental Capacity Act 2008” in sections 46(3), 47(4) and 48(11) and substituting in each case the words “Mental Capacity Act (Cap. 177A)”.

Amendment of Environmental Public Health Act

5. The Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95, 2002 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by repealing section 91 and substituting the following section:

“Payment of fees, etc.

91.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), all fees, charges and moneys collected under this Act are payable to the Agency.

(2) Any fee, charge or money collected under this Act may be paid to a person other than the Agency where the Agency has, with the approval of the Minister, made regulations under section 111 providing for that fee, charge or money to be payable to that person instead.

(3) This section does not apply to composition sums in section 104 or financial penalties imposed under section 80K or 99.”; and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (14) of section 99, the following subsection:

“(14A) Any financial penalty imposed on any person under this section is to be paid into the Consolidated Fund.”.

Amendment of Evidence Act

6. The Evidence Act (Cap. 97, 1997 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “copy of a document” in section 3(1), the following definition:

“ “country” includes a territory;”;

- (b) by deleting the word “territory” wherever it appears in sections 59(1)(b) and (d) and 80(2) and (3) and substituting in each case the word “country”;
- (c) by deleting the word “territories” in section 59(1)(j) and substituting the word “countries”; and
- (d) by repealing section 86 and substituting the following section:

“Presumption as to publication containing law or report of court decision

86. The court is to presume the genuineness of every publication purporting —

- (a) to be printed or published under the authority of the government of any country and to contain any law of that country; or
- (b) to contain any official or authoritative report of a decision of a court of any country.”.

Amendment of Family Justice Act 2014

7. The Family Justice Act 2014 (Act 27 of 2014) is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (i) of the definition of “family proceedings” in section 2(1);
- (b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (p) of the definition of “family proceedings” in section 2(1);
- (c) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (q) of the definition of “family proceedings” in section 2(1), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(r) on or after the date of commencement of section 7(c) of the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2016, any civil proceedings under the Wills Act (Cap. 352);”;

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- (d) by deleting the words “the Schedule” in section 20(1) and substituting the words “the First Schedule”;
 - (e) by deleting the word “An” in section 23(2) and substituting the words “Subject to subsection (2A), an”;
 - (f) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2) of section 23, the following subsection:

“(2A) No appeal is to be brought to the High Court in any case where a Family Court makes an order specified in the Second Schedule, except in such circumstances as may be specified in that Schedule.”;

- (g) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3) of section 26, the following subsection:

“(3A) If any family proceedings may be heard and determined by a Family Court or by the Family Division of the High Court, those proceedings must in the first instance be commenced in a Family Court.”;

- (h) by deleting the words “Notwithstanding subsection (2)” in section 26(4) and substituting the words “Despite subsections (2), (3) and (3A)”;

- (i) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4) of section 45, the following subsections:

“(5) A child representative appointed to represent the interests of a child in any proceedings involving the child, or the custody and welfare of the child, shall not be liable to be sued for an act done by the child representative for the purposes of those proceedings, or any mediation or other alternative dispute resolution process related to those proceedings, if the act —

(a) was done in good faith; and

(b) did not involve any fraud or wilful misconduct on the part of the child representative.