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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 11th November 2013 and assented to by the President on 2nd December 2013:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 22 of 2013.

I assent.

TONY TAN KENG YAM,
President.
2nd December 2013.



An Act to amend the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (Chapter 189 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 may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks and Compensation) (Amendment) Act 2013 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Deputy Commissioner of Police”, the following definition:

“ “appropriate Minister”, in relation to the exercise of powers under sections 20 and 24, means —

(a) the Minister charged with the responsibility for the Public Trustee’s department insofar as those powers are exercised in connection with the purposes of sections 5A, 6, 9(1), (2), (2A), (2B), (2C), (3), (8), (8A) and (9), 18, 18A and 19; and

(b) the Minister charged with the responsibility for land transport insofar as those powers are exercised in connection with the purposes of any other provision of this Act;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Deputy Commissioner of Police”, the following definitions:

“ “detention barrack” means a building or any part thereof which is set apart by —

(a) the Armed Forces Council under the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295);

(b) the Commissioner of Civil Defence under the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42);

(c) the Commissioner of Police under the Police Force Act (Cap. 235); or

(d) the Commissioner of Police under the Vigilante Corps Act (Cap. 343),

for the purpose of persons serving sentences of detention under the respective Acts;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for land transport;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “motor vehicle”, the following definition:

“ “place of detention” means any of the following places:

(a) a detention barrack;

(b) a disciplinary barrack within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Singapore Armed Forces Act;

(c) a military prison within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Singapore Armed Forces Act;

(d) a place or premises declared under section 18 of the Intoxicating Substances Act (Cap. 146A) to be an approved centre for the treatment and rehabilitation of persons who use or inhale intoxicating substances for the purpose of inducing or causing a state of intoxication;

(e) a prison within the meaning of section 2 of the Prisons Act (Cap. 247);

- (f) a hospital or part thereof designated under section 3 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act (Cap. 178A) to be a psychiatric institution;
 - (g) a welfare home within the meaning of section 2(1) of the Destitute Persons Act (Cap. 78);
 - (h) any other place as may be prescribed by the Minister charged with the responsibility for the Public Trustee's department;";
- (d) by deleting the definition of "relevant amount" and substituting the following definition:
 - " "relevant amount" means \$5,000 or, where another amount has been prescribed under section 20 by the appropriate Minister for the purposes of sections 6(1), 9(1)(a) and (b) and 18(4), the prescribed amount;"; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "road", the following definition:
 - " "specified person" means —
 - (a) for the purposes of section 6, a person who is entitled to the benefit of a payment, pursuant to a settlement agreement, referred to in section 6(1) and who —
 - (i) at the time the settlement agreement is made, is not represented by a public officer or an advocate and solicitor;
 - (ii) at the time of the making of the payment under section 6(2), is isolated in a hospital or other

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- place under section 15(1) or (2)
of the Infectious Diseases Act
(Cap. 137); or
 - (iii) at the time of the making of the
payment under section 6(2), is
under legal custody in a place of
detention; and
 - (b) for the purposes of section 9, a person
who is entitled to the benefit of a
judgment referred to in section 9(1)(b)
and who, at the time the judgment is
given —
 - (i) is below the age of 21 years;
 - (ii) lacks capacity within the
meaning of section 4 of the
Mental Capacity Act
(Cap. 177A);
 - (iii) is not represented by a public
officer or an advocate and
solicitor;
 - (iv) is isolated in a hospital or other
place under section 15(1) or (2)
of the Infectious Diseases Act;
or
 - (v) is under legal custody in a place
of detention;”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “approved insurer” wherever they appear in subsections (5) and (6) and substituting in each case the word “insurer”.

New section 5A

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 5, the following section: