

**Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Act 2000
(No. 10 of 2000)**

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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 22nd February 2000 and assented to by the President on 7th March 2000:—

SINGAPORE ARMED FORCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000

(No. 10 of 2000)

I assent.

S R NATHAN,
President.
7th March 2000.

Date of Commencement: 31st March 2000

An Act to amend the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Chapter 295 of the 1995 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Pension Fund Act (Cap. 224A).

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Singapore Armed Forces Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “includes” in the last line of the definition of “disciplinary officer”, the words “a Service Chief and”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “sentence”, the following definition:

“Service Chief” means the Chief of Air Force, the Chief of Army or the Chief of Navy;”.

Amendment of section 62

3. Section 62 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “lieutenant-colonel” in subsection (2) and substituting the word “colonel”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) If the accused is an officer of the rank of lieutenant-colonel, the charge shall, within such time as may be specified in the regulations made under this Act, be brought before a Service Chief.”; and

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “other than” in the 1st line of subsection (6), the words “a Service Chief or”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 65A and new section 65B

4. Section 65A of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

“Powers of Service Chief when dealing with charge

65A.—(1) A Service Chief when dealing with a charge brought before him under section 62(2A) may —

- (a) dismiss the charge if he is of the opinion that it ought not to be proceeded with;
- (b) try the accused summarily; or
- (c) if he is of the opinion that the charge should not be dealt with by him, refer the charge to the person appointed under section 82(5)(a).

(2) A Service Chief shall try the accused summarily where a charge is referred to him under section 67(b) (ii) or 75 (4)(a)(i).

Powers of Chief of Defence Force when dealing with charge

65B.—(1) The Chief of Defence Force when dealing with a charge brought before him under section 62(2) may —

- (a) dismiss the charge if he is of the opinion that it ought not to be proceeded with;
- (b) try the accused summarily; or
- (c) if he is of the opinion that the charge should not be dealt with by him, refer the charge to the person appointed under section 82(5)(a).

(2) The Chief of Defence Force shall try the accused summarily where a charge is referred to him under section 67(b) (iii) or 75 (4)(a)(i) or (ii).”.

Amendment of section 67

5. Section 67 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “superior commander” in the 1st line, the words “, a Service Chief”;
- (b) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b)(i); and
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
 - “(ii) in the case of a charge referred to him by a Service Chief, the Service Chief, any other Service Chief or the Chief of Defence Force; and
 - (iii) in the case of a charge referred to him by the Chief of Defence Force, the Chief of Defence Force; or”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 70A and new section 70B

6. Section 70A of the principal Act is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

“Powers of punishment of Service Chief

70A.—(1) A Service Chief may, upon the conviction of an accused of the rank