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Judicial Service (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Bill No. 30/2021.

Read the first time on 4 October 2021.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend certain Acts in consequence of the establishment of a Singapore Judicial Service and a Judicial Service Commission.

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 Judicial Service (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Interpretation Act

2. Section 2(1) of the Interpretation Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Judge”, the following definitions:

““Judicial Service Commission” means the Judicial Service Commission constituted under the provisions of the Constitution;

“Judicial Service Officer” means an officer in the Singapore Judicial Service;

“Legal Service Commission” means the Legal Service Commission constituted under the provisions of the Constitution;

“Legal Service Officer” means an officer in the Singapore Legal Service;”.

Amendment of Allied Health Professions Act

3. Section 50(1) of the Allied Health Professions Act is amended by deleting the words “employment in the Singapore Legal Service” in paragraph (a)(iii)(B) and substituting the words “employment as a Judicial Service Officer or Legal Service Officer (or both)”.

Amendment of Evidence Act

4. Section 3(7) of the Evidence Act is amended by deleting the words “public officer in the Singapore Legal Service” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “Judicial Service Officer or Legal Service Officer”.

Amendment of Financial Procedure Act

5. Section 20(2) of the Financial Procedure Act is amended by inserting, immediately before the words “or the Legal Service Commission”, the words “, the Judicial Service Commission”.

Amendment of Legal Profession Act

6. The Legal Profession Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the words “or a Legal Service Officer” in the definition of “lay person” in section 2(1), the words “, a Judicial Service Officer”; 5
- (b) by deleting the definition of “Legal Service Officer” in section 2(1);
- (c) by inserting, immediately before the words “Legal Service Officer” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “relevant legal officer” in section 2(1), the words “Judicial Service Officer or”; 10
- (d) by inserting, immediately before the words “Legal Service Officer” in section 26(1A)(a)(ii), the words “Judicial Service Officer or”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately before the words “or a Legal Service Officer” in section 30(1), the words “, a Judicial Service Officer”; 15
- (f) by deleting paragraph (b) of section 30(5) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - “(b) being a Judicial Service Officer or a Legal Service Officer, is dismissed from the Singapore Judicial Service or the Singapore Legal Service, as the case may be;”; 20
- (g) by deleting subsection (6) of section 30 and substituting the following subsection: 25
 - “(6) No person may be appointed as a Senior Counsel unless the person has, for an aggregate period of at least 10 years, been one or more of the following: 30
 - (a) an advocate and solicitor;
 - (b) a Judicial Service Officer;
 - (c) a Legal Service Officer.”;

- (h) by deleting subsection (1) of section 82 and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The following persons are officers of the Supreme Court:

- (a) a person duly admitted as an advocate and solicitor;
- (b) a Judicial Service Officer;
- (c) a Legal Service Officer.”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately before the words “and Legal Service Officers” in the section heading of section 82, the words “, Judicial Service Officers”;
- (j) by inserting, immediately before the words “Legal Service Officer” in section 82A(1), the words “Judicial Service Officer or”;
- (k) by inserting, immediately before the words “Legal Service Officers” in section 82A(2), the words “Judicial Service Officers,”;
- (l) by inserting, immediately before the words “a Legal Service Officer” wherever they appear in section 82A(3), the words “a Judicial Service Officer,”;
- (m) by inserting, immediately before the words “Legal Service Officer” wherever they appear in section 82A(4), (5), (6A), (9) and (12)(a), the words “Judicial Service Officer,”;
- (n) by deleting subsection (8) of section 82A and substituting the following subsection:

“(8) A copy of the report must be supplied to the Judicial Service Officer, Legal Service Officer or non-practising solicitor concerned, and to the Attorney-General if the report relates to a Judicial Service Officer or Legal Service Officer.”;
- (o) by deleting subsection (10) of section 82A and substituting the following subsection: