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Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 33/2021.

Read the first time on 4 October 2021.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Preservation of Monuments Act and to make a related amendment to the National Heritage Board Act.

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 Preservation of Monuments (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Preservation of Monuments Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “information notice”, the following definitions:

10 ““inland waters” means any river, stream, reservoir, lake or pond (whether natural or artificial) within the limits of the territorial waters of Singapore;

15 “land” includes any foreshore, site or underground space;”;

(b) by deleting the words “, or the remains of” in the definition of “monument”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (a) of the definition of “monument”, the following paragraph:

20 “(aa) any site;”; and

(d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “preservation order” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

25 ““proposed national monument” means a monument covered by a notice under section 11(7)(a) of the Minister’s intention to make a preservation order protecting the monument;

“site” means —

30 (a) any open space;

(b) any inland waters; or

(*c*) an area of land (including any building, structure, erection, statue, sculpture or other work, vegetation, inland waters or physiographical formation, or any combination thereof) containing anything that evidences human activity, present or past, 5

but excludes a site falling within paragraph (*b*) or (*c*) of the definition of “monument”; 10

“statutory authority” means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function, and includes a Town Council.”.

Amendment of section 4 15

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (*a*) by deleting the words “and preservation” in paragraph (*c*) and substituting the words “, preservation or maintenance”;
- (*b*) by inserting, immediately after the words “the preservation” wherever they appear in paragraphs (*d*), (*f*) and (*h*), the words “or maintenance”; and 20
- (*c*) by inserting, immediately after the words “national monuments” in paragraph (*e*), the words “and proposed national monuments”. 25

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (*a*) by deleting paragraph (*a*) and substituting the following paragraph: 30
 - “(a) advise on, supervise, control and require alterations, repairs, maintenance, renovations or construction of any kind to be made to any national monument or