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Private Security Industry (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 22/2021.

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Private Security Industry Act and to make a related amendment to the Protection from Harassment 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 Private Security Industry (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 New Division heading of Part III

2. Part III of the Private Security Industry Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately above section 13, the following Division heading:

“Division 1 — Licensing and regulatory matters”.

10 New Division 2 of Part III

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 17, the following Division:

“Division 2 — Protection from assault and harassment

Assaulting or using criminal force on security officer

15 **17A.—**(1) An individual who assaults or uses criminal force on a person (called in this section the target person) —

(a) in the execution of the target person’s duty as a security officer;

20 (b) with intent to prevent or deter the target person from discharging his or her duty as a security officer; or

(c) in consequence of anything done or attempted to be done by the target person in the lawful discharge of his or her duty as a security officer,

25 shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$7,500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

(2) In this section, “assault” and “criminal force” are to be construed in accordance with sections 349, 350 and 351 of the Penal Code.

Voluntarily causing hurt to security officer

17B.—(1) An individual who voluntarily causes hurt to a person (called in this section the target person) —

- (a) in the execution of the target person’s duty as a security officer; 5
- (b) with intent to prevent or deter the target person from discharging his or her duty as a security officer; or
- (c) in consequence of anything done or attempted to be done by the target person in the lawful discharge of his or her duty as a security officer, 10

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years or to both.

(2) In this section, “voluntarily causes hurt” is to be construed in accordance with section 321 of the Penal Code. 15

Intentionally causing harassment, alarm or distress to security officer

17C.—(1) An individual must not by any means —

- (a) use any indecent, threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour; or 20
- (b) make any indecent, threatening, abusive or insulting communication,

towards a person (called in this section the target person) in relation to the execution of the target person’s duty as a security officer, with the intent to cause harassment, alarm or distress to the target person and as a result causing the target person harassment, alarm or distress. 25

(2) Subject to section 17D, an individual who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both. 30