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COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) Bill

Bill No. 34/2020 [Urgent Bill].

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020.

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 is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 2) Act 2020 and, except for sections 7 and 11(a), comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

(2) Sections 7 and 11(a) are deemed to have come into operation on 31 July 2020.

Amendment of section 5A

2. Section 5A(1) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “the date of commencement of section 5 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Act 2020” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “1 February 2020”.

Amendment of section 7A

3. Section 7A of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “, being a time within the prescribed period” in subsection (1)(b);

(b) by deleting the words “prescribed rate or amount” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “prescribed rate (as computed in the prescribed manner) or prescribed amount”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words “different rates” in subsection (3), the word “, manners”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following subsection:

“(7) To avoid doubt, this section applies to a case mentioned in subsection (1) whether *A* served the notification for relief before, on or after 31 July 2020.”.

Amendment of section 7B

4. Section 7B of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(2A) For the purposes of subsection (2), different amounts may be prescribed for different circumstances, and a zero amount may be prescribed.”; and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsection:

“(6) To avoid doubt, this section applies to a case mentioned in subsection (1) whether *A* served the notification for relief before, on or after 31 July 2020.”.

Amendment of section 12

5. Section 12 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsections:

“(2A) The Registrar may, for the purposes of deciding whether to appoint an assessor to determine an application, request the applicant to provide further information within the time specified by the Registrar.

(2B) The Registrar may reject an application if —

- (a) the application is incomplete or otherwise not made in accordance with subsection (1);

- (b) the application is not made within the period prescribed by regulations under section 19 for this purpose;

- (c) the applicant fails to satisfy the Registrar that subsection (2) is complied with;