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COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment No. 3) Bill

Bill No. 43/2020 [Urgent Bill].

Read the first time on 2 November 2020.

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. 3) Act 2020.

(2) Sections 3 and 11(*b*) are deemed to have come into operation on 15 October 2020.

(3) Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11(*a*) and (*c*) to (*k*) come into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 1

2. Section 1 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsections:

“(4A) Despite the expiry of Part 2, provisions in Part 2 and regulations made under section 19 that have been incorporated by reference in any other Part or regulations made under any other Part, continue to have effect in relation to that other Part or those other regulations.

(4B) Despite the expiry of Part 2, sections 10 and 11 continue to apply for the purpose of appointing assessors to make determinations under Part 8.”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (2) and (3) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, extend or shorten for or by a period determined by the Minister, the prescribed period as it applies to —

(*a*) this Part or Part 2 or 3; or

(*b*) a description of scheduled contracts in Part 2, or a description of contracts within such description in Part 2,

and that period may be extended or shortened more than once.

(3) An order mentioned in subsection (2) made in relation to a description of contracts under paragraph (b) of that subsection may specify that the extension of the prescribed period does not apply in relation to any paragraph of section 5(3), and the provisions of Part 2 apply in relation to such contracts during the extension as if that paragraph were omitted.”.

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Amendment of section 19X

4. Section 19X(5) of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “prescribed property,”, the words “the criteria for a PTO or the additional criteria that a PTO is to satisfy for the additional rental relief,”.

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Amendment of section 32

5. Section 32 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (h), and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraphs:

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“(ha) for the purpose of accounting for any rental relief or additional rental relief to which a tenant of any property is entitled under Part 2A —

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(i) to treat the whole or part of the benefit that the owner of the property has yet to pass to the tenant by the prescribed time under section 29(2), as having already been passed to the tenant by a date specified in the regulations;

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(ii) to provide that the Panel, when making a determination under section 30, must take into account the benefit that is treated by a regulation made pursuant to sub-paragraph (i) as having been passed to the tenant;

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