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# **COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Bill**

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**Bill No. 28/2020.**

*Read the first time on 5 June 2020.*

A BILL

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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. This Act is the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

### 5 **Amendment of section 1**

2. Section 1(3) of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) Act 2020 (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “8 or” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “7A(2), (3) and (4), 7B, 8, 13(3A) and (3B), 15A or”.

### 10 **Amendment of section 4**

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) This Part does not apply to —

15 (a) a lease or licence of non-residential immovable property entered into or renewed (other than automatically or in exercise of a right of renewal in the lease or licence) on or after 25 March 2020; or

20 (b) any other scheduled contract entered into or renewed (other than automatically) on or after 25 March 2020.”.

### **Amendment of section 5**

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “is unable” in subsection (1)(a) and substituting the words “is or will be unable”;

25 (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “the contract” in subsection (1)(a), the words “(called in this Division the subject inability)”;

(c) by deleting the words “(called in this Division the subject inability)” in subsection (1)(b); and

30 (d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) In subsection (1)(a), where the scheduled contract is an event contract or a tourism-related contract, *A*’s inability to hold the event in question, or to accept the goods or services in question, on the date agreed in the contract is treated as an inability to perform an obligation in the contract.”

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### **New section 5A**

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 5, the following section:

**“Relief for inability to exercise right under scheduled contract**

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**5A.—(1)** This section applies to a case where —

(a) the scheduled contract in question comes within a description of contracts prescribed as contracts to which this section applies;

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(b) a party to the contract (also called in this Division *A*) is or will be unable to exercise a right in the contract (called in this Division the subject right), being a right that is to be exercised on or after the date of commencement of section 5 of the COVID-19 (Temporary Measures) (Amendment) Act 2020;

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(c) the inability is to a material extent caused by a COVID-19 event; and

(d) *A* has served a notification for relief in accordance with section 9(1) on —

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(i) the other party or parties to the contract; and

(ii) such other person as may be prescribed.

(2) Despite any law or anything in the contract, another party to the contract (also called in this Division *B*) may not take any action described in subsection (3) in relation to *A*’s inability to exercise the subject right until after the earliest of the following:

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(a) the expiry of the prescribed period;