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Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 52/2018.

Read the first time on 19 November 2018.

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An Act to amend the Infectious Diseases Act (Chapter 137 of the 2003 Revised Edition).

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 Infectious Diseases (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister charged with the responsibility for regulation of diseases and disease control appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Infectious Diseases Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “AIDS” and substituting the following definition:

““appropriate Minister” means —

(a) in the following cases, the Minister charged with the responsibility for health and sanitary measures in relation to vessels, aircraft, vehicles and persons entering or leaving Singapore:

(i) the establishment of any advisory committee for the purpose of giving advice to the Director-General under section 5;

(ii) any purpose relating to sections 28, 29 and 33 to 45, including the making of subsidiary legislation in relation to any of those sections; or

(b) in any other case, the Minister charged with the responsibility for regulation of diseases and disease control;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “contact”, the following definition:

““contact tracing measure” means any measure to facilitate the tracing of contacts of an infectious disease;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “HIV Infection”, the following definition: 5

““individually-identifiable”, when used to describe information or samples pertaining to a person, means that the identity of that person can be readily discovered or ascertained from that information or sample;”;

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(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “master”, the following definition:

““medical examination” includes the carrying out by a person (called the examiner) of any of the measures mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (f), with a view to ascertaining a person’s state of health, whether or not the examiner is present with the person being examined:

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(a) physical examination of the person;

(b) obtaining the person’s bodily samples;

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(c) obtaining images of, or measuring, the person’s physiology;

(d) measuring or monitoring the person’s physiological signs;

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(e) obtaining the clinical history of the person;

(f) a measure to facilitate the carrying out of anything in paragraphs (a) to (e);”;

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(e) by deleting the definition of “Minister”; and

(f) by deleting the definition of “surveillance” and substituting the following definition: