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Architects (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 8/2017.

Read the first time on 6 February 2017.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Architects Act (Chapter 12 of the 2000 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 Architects (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Architects Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “allied professional”, the following definitions:

“ “architectural firm” means —

- 10 (a) a partnership comprising wholly of registered architects, each of whom has in force a practising certificate; or
- (b) a sole-proprietorship comprising a registered architect who has in force a practising certificate;

“architectural practice” means —

- (a) an architectural firm;
- (b) a limited corporation licensed under section 20(1);
- 20 (c) an unlimited corporation licensed under section 20(2);
- (d) a partnership licensed under section 20(3); or
- (e) a limited liability partnership licensed under section 20(4);”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Disciplinary Committee”, the following definitions:

- 30 “ “foreign architect” means any person who is authorised to practise as an architect in a country or territory outside Singapore under the law of that country or territory;

“foreign registration authority”, for any country or territory outside Singapore, means the person in that country or territory having the function conferred by the laws of that country or territory of registering persons in connection with the persons carrying on the practice of architecture in that country or territory;”;

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- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “limited liability partnership”, the following definition:

“ “limited partnership” means a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act (Cap. 163B);”;

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- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “nominee”, the following definitions:

“ “participating jurisdiction” means any country or territory outside Singapore in relation to which an arrangement under section 6A(2) is in force;

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“partnership” includes a limited partnership;”;

- (e) by deleting the definition of “register of architects” and substituting the following definition:

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“ “register of architects” means the register of architects kept and maintained by the Board under section 8(1)(a);”;

- (f) by deleting the words “section 8(c)” in the definition of “register of licensees” and substituting the words “section 8(1)(e);”;

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- (g) by deleting the words “section 8(b)” in the definition of “register of practitioners” and substituting the words “section 8(1)(d);” and

- (h) by deleting the words “section 15” in the definition of “registered architect” and substituting the words “section 15(1) or (2A)”.

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