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# Public Order (Amendment) Bill

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**Bill No. 16/2017.**

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Public Order Act (Chapter 257A of the 2012 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 Public Order (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

## Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Public Order Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

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

“ “declaration” means a declaration made by —

(a) the Commissioner under section 21;  
or

(b) the Minister under section 21 read with section 21A,

as the case may be;

“enhanced security special event” means a special event that is the subject of a declaration made by the Minister;”;

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

“ “event organiser”, for an event, means a person who is responsible (whether fully or substantially) for the organisation and holding of the event and the receipt of revenue from the event (if any);”;

(c) by deleting the words “under section 21” in the definition of “special event” and substituting the words “by the Commissioner or the Minister (as the case may be)”; and

(d) by deleting the words “under section 21 of the event” in the definition of “special event area” and substituting the words “by the Commissioner or the Minister (as the case may be) for the event”.

## **New section 6A**

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section:

### **“Advance notice of events having prescribed crowd size**

**6A.**—(1) Without affecting section 6, special notice of  
intention to organise an event (whether or not comprising or  
involving an assembly or a procession) must be given to the  
Commissioner in the prescribed manner, with the prescribed  
information, by any event organiser for the event if the event  
organiser reasonably expects more than a prescribed number of  
individuals to participate in or to attend the event at any time  
during the holding of the event. 5 10

(2) Unless the Commissioner accepts shorter notice under  
subsection (3), special notice under this section must be given  
not less than the prescribed period — 15

(a) before the proposed date of the event; or

(b) in the case where the event is to take place during a  
proposed period, before the beginning of that  
proposed period.

(3) The Commissioner may, and must in any case where the  
Commissioner is reasonably satisfied that earlier notice could not  
have been given, accept shorter notice than is as mentioned in  
subsection (2). 20

(4) For the purposes of subsection (1), the Minister may  
prescribe different numbers of individuals for different classes of  
events. 25

(5) An event organiser who fails to comply with subsection (1)  
or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on  
conviction to a fine not exceeding \$20,000 or to imprisonment  
for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.”. 30

## **Amendment of section 7**

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of subsection (2)(f);