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Registered Designs (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 23/2017.

Read the first time on 3 April 2017.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Registered Designs Act (Chapter 266 of the 2005 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Copyright Act (Chapter 63 of the 2006 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 Registered Designs (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 Registered Designs Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “article” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definition:

10 “ “article” means any thing that is manufactured
(whether by an industrial process, by hand or
otherwise), and includes —

(a) any part of an article, if that part is
made and sold separately; and

15 (b) any set of articles;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “an article” in the
definition of “corresponding design” in subsection (1), the
words “or a non-physical product”;

20 (c) by deleting the definition of “design” in subsection (1) and
substituting the following definition:

“ “design” means features of shape, configuration,
colours, pattern or ornament applied to any
article or non-physical product that give that
article or non-physical product its appearance,
25 but does not include —

(a) a method or principle of construction;

(b) features of shape, configuration or
colours of an article or a non-physical
product that —

30 (i) are dictated solely by the
function that the article or

non-physical product has to perform;

(ii) are dependent upon the appearance of another article or non-physical product of which the article or non-physical product is intended by the designer to form an integral part; or 5

(iii) enable the article or non-physical product to be connected to, or placed in, around or against, another article or non-physical product, so that either article or non-physical product may perform its function; or 10 15

(c) features consisting only of one or more colours that —

(i) are not used with any feature of shape or configuration; and 20

(ii) do not give rise to any feature of pattern or ornament;”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “exclusive licence” in subsection (1), the following definition: 25

“ “formal requirements” means —

(a) the requirements of section 11(2)(c) and (4)(a); and

(b) any other requirements of section 11, or of rules made for the purposes of that section, that are prescribed as formal requirements;”;