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Public Transport Council (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 27/2015.

Read the first time on 13 July 2015.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B of the 2012 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A of the 1996 Revised Edition), the Rapid Transit Systems Act (Chapter 263A of the 2004 Revised Edition) and the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 of the 2004 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 may be cited as the Public Transport Council (Amendment) Act 2015 and comes into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Public Transport Council Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “bus services, bus service operators and ticket payment services, to regulate bus, taxi and rapid transit system fares” and substituting the words
10 “ticket payment services, to regulate bus fares, taxi fares and train fares”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definitions of “bus service” and “bus service
15 licence” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “bus fare” means the price payable by a passenger for any bus service involving the carriage of the passenger on a bus;

“bus operator”, in relation to a bus service, means
20 the person who operates the bus service but does not include —

(a) the Land Transport Authority of Singapore; or

(b) a person who merely arranges for the
25 registration of a bus, drives a bus, or maintains or arranges for the maintenance of a bus;

“bus service” means a service for the carriage of passengers for a fare by buses on roads for journeys wholly or partly within Singapore according to pre-determined routes and timetables with 2 or more bus stopping points within Singapore, but does not include a bus
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service excluded from this definition by the Minister by order published in the *Gazette*;

“bus service licence” means a licence granted (or deemed granted) under the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 to operate one or more bus services;”;

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

“ “Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Council appointed under section 5C and includes any individual acting in that capacity;”;

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(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “clearing”, the following definition:

“ “common pricing scheme”, for any fare component for a taxi service, means a contract made between the prescribed taxi industry participants providing the taxi service that provides —

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(a) for a common price or price structure for the fare component in relation to that taxi service; and

(b) for periodic reviews of that common price or price structure,

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and includes any variation of that contract;”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “fare” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “fare” means any bus fare, taxi fare or train fare;

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“invalid ticket” means a ticket that is for a journey on a bus or train operated by a public bus operator or licensed rapid transit system operator for which a ticket is required and —

(a) that is used, or attempted to be used —

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(i) for a journey that is not the journey for which the ticket was issued;

(ii) to over-travel the fare that was paid for the journey, without reasonable excuse; or

(iii) by a person who is not the first user of a ticket which is non-transferable;

(b) that has been altered or defaced;

(c) that is counterfeit; or

(d) that is expired;

“Land Transport Authority of Singapore” or “LTA” means the public authority of that name constituted under the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 158A);

“licensed” means —

(a) licensed under the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 in the case of a bus operator;

(b) licensed under the Rapid Transit Systems Act (Cap. 263A) in the case of an operator of a rapid transit system; or

(c) licensed under the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276) in the case of a taxi service operator or a taxi driver;”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “manager”, the following definitions:

“ “over-travel”, in relation to a fare, means to remain on a bus or train after the place, distance or time covered by the fare paid for the journey has been reached and includes, for a smartcard ticket, tapping out before the completion of the journey or part of the journey;

“paid area” means —

(a) any platform of a railway station that is part of a rapid transit system; and