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# Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 3/2014.

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An Act to amend the Environmental Public Health Act (Chapter 95 of the 2002 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the National Environment Agency Act (Chapter 195 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 may be cited as the Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

## 5 Amendment of section 2

**2.** Section 2 of the Environmental Public Health Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(*a*) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "authorised officer", the following definitions:

10	" "basic rate of pay" means the total amount of money
	(including wage adjustments and increments) to
	which an employee is entitled under his contract
	of service for working for one month, but does
	not include —

- (a) additional payments by way of overtime payments;(b) additional payments by way of bonus
  - (b) additional payments by way of bonus payments or annual wage supplements;
  - (c) any sum paid to the employee to reimburse him for special expenses incurred by him in the course of his employment;
    - (d) productivity incentive payments; and
    - (e) any allowance however described;
  - "basic wage" means wage calculated at the basic rate of pay for one month;";
  - (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "building", the following definitions:

" "cleaner" means an individual who is engaged, whether as a full-time employee, part-time employee or casual employee and whether or not at piece rates —

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- (*a*) to perform cleaning work for a person other than his employer; or
- (b) to supervise other individuals performing cleaning work for a person other than his employer, whether or not the individual is known as a supervisor or leader or by any other title,

and includes any individual who is declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, to be a cleaner;

- "cleaning business" means a business, whether or not the business is carried on for profit, in which a person provides cleaning work to other persons through the services of cleaners engaged or employed by that person;
- "cleaning business licence" means a licence granted under section 80G(1);
- "cleaning contract", in relation to a person, means a contract for the provision of cleaning work to other persons by cleaners who are engaged or employed by the person;
- "cleaning work" means work carried out in Singapore that has, as its main or only component, the bringing of premises or any public place into, or keeping of premises or any public place in, a clean condition, and includes supervising the carrying out of such work but excludes any work that the Minister declares, by notification in the *Gazette*, not to be cleaning work;
- "Commissioner for Labour" means the Commissioner for Labour appointed under section 3(1) of the Employment Act (Cap. 91);";
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "public market", the following definition:

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- ""public park" has the same meaning as in section 2
  - of the Parks and Trees Act (Cap. 216);";
- (*d*) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "showboard", the following definition:
  - ""specified amount" means the amount that is specified in an order made by the Commissioner for Labour under section 80H(2);"; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "waste disposal licensee", the following definition:
  - ""waterway" means a navigable river, conduit or drain;".

#### Amendment of sub-heading to Part III

**3.** The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the words "*Cleaning of Streets*" in the sub-heading above section 5, the word ", *etc.*".

#### Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (*a*) by inserting, immediately after the words "the footways thereof,", the words "and public parks, beaches, foreshores, canals, waterways and unoccupied State land,";
- (b) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

"(2) Nothing in subsection (1) shall derogate from the effect of any other written law."; and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words "public streets" in the section heading, the word ", etc.,".

## Amendment of section 17

**5.** Section 17 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections:

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