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Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 2/2014.

Read the first time on 20th January 2014.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Singapore Tourism Board Act (Chapter 305B of the 1997 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 Singapore Tourism Board (Amendment) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Singapore Tourism Board Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “Fund”, the words “, for the regulation of tourist guides”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Chief Executive”, the following definition:

“ “committee member” means a member of any committee appointed under section 13(1);”;

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

“ “inspecting officer” means any person appointed as an inspecting officer under section 11(2);”.

Amendment of section 11

4. Section 11 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “for the purposes of this Act” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “for the effective performance and discharge of its functions and duties,”; and

(b) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(2) The Board may appoint, by name or office, from among —

(a) public officers;

(b) officers and employees of the Board;

(c) officers and employees of a public authority;
and

(d) auxiliary police officers appointed as such under
the Police Force Act (Cap. 235),

such number of inspecting officers as may be required
for the purposes of this Act and any regulations made
thereunder.

(3) In this section, “public authority” means any board,
authority or agency established by or under any public
Act to perform or discharge any public function.”.

New section 13A

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after
section 13, the following section:

“Public servants

13A. All members, officers and employees of the Board, all
committee members and all inspecting officers —

(a) shall be deemed to be public servants for the purposes of
the Penal Code (Cap. 224); and

(b) in relation to their administration, assessment, collection
or enforcement of payment of composition sums or
financial penalties, shall be deemed to be public officers
for the purposes of the Financial Procedure Act
(Cap. 109), and section 20 of that Act shall apply to
such persons notwithstanding that they are not or were
not in the employment of the Government.”.

New Parts IIIA and IIIB

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after
section 19, the following Parts:

**“PART IIIA
TOURIST GUIDES**

Interpretation of this Part

19A.—(1) In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“code of practice” includes a standard of performance;

“false tourist guide badge” means —

(a) a forged tourist guide badge;

(b) a tourist guide badge altered without lawful authority; or

(c) a tourist guide badge in respect of an expired, or a cancelled, revoked or suspended, licence;

“guiding services”, in relation to a tourist, includes providing any direction, information, description or explanation to the tourist while accompanying the tourist in or to a place or point of interest in Singapore;

“licence” and “tourist guide licence” mean a licence granted or renewed under section 19D(4)(a);

“licensee” means a person who is granted a licence, or whose licence is renewed, under section 19D(4)(a);

“omnibus” means a bus which is on a scheduled service with passengers being charged separate and distinct fares, and in respect of which a public service vehicle licence is in force under Part V of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276) to use the bus as an omnibus;

“tourist” means an individual who visits Singapore for recreation, pleasure, business or any other purpose, but does not include —

(a) a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore;

(b) an individual to whom a work pass is issued under section 7 of the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act (Cap. 91A);