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Transboundary Haze Pollution Bill

Bill No. 18/2014.

Read the first time on 7th July 2014.

TRANSBOUNDARY HAZE POLLUTION ACT 2014

(No. of 2014)

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An Act concerning conduct which causes or contributes to haze pollution in Singapore, and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Transboundary Haze Pollution Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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- 2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "Agency" means the National Environment Agency established under section 3 of the National Environment Agency Act (Cap. 195);
 - "air quality index", for any area, means a number that describes, through such periodic recording and methodology as the Agency approves, the presence and movement of pollutants and particles in the air environment outdoors in that area relative to the health, well-being, needs and purposes of human beings;
 - "authorised officer" has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Environmental Protection and Management Act (Cap. 94A);
 - "conduct" means any act or omission, any series of acts or omissions, or both;
 - "conduct which causes or contributes to any haze pollution in Singapore" includes lighting fires outdoors for or in connection with any farming operation or forestry operation and leaving unattended such fires;
 - "Director-General" means the Director-General of Environmental Protection appointed under section 3(1) of the Environmental Protection and Management Act;
 - "document" includes
 - (a) any map, plan, graph or drawing;
 - (b) any photograph;