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Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 20/2013.

Read the first time on 21st October 2013.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 2013 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 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Act 2013 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(1) of the Central Provident Fund Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “relevant individual”, the following definition:

10 ““reserved amount”, in relation to a member, means such reserved amount referred to in section 15(2A)(c), (6)(c), (7B)(c) or (8A)(c) as may be applicable to the member;”.

Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

15 (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “Deputy Commissioner for Labour,” in subsection (2), the words “Principal Assistant Commissioner for Labour;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “put questions concerning employees” in subsection (3)(c), the words “or their employment”;

20 (c) by deleting the words “or other person” in subsection (3)(c) and substituting the words “or person”;

(d) by deleting the word “salary” in subsection (3)(d) and substituting the word “wages”;

25 (e) by deleting paragraph (f) of subsection (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

 “(f) require —

30 (i) any document or record containing information concerning employees or their employment to be furnished by their employers, by any person who may be in charge of the employees, by the employees themselves or by any

other person from whom the inspector may consider it desirable to require such document or record to be furnished; and

- (ii) the employers, employees or person referred to in sub-paragraph (i) to answer such questions as the inspector may think proper to ask relating to such document or record.”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections:

“(3A) In addition to the powers conferred on him by subsection (3), an inspector who has reasonable cause to believe that an offence under section 7(3) or (5) or 58(b) has been committed by an employer, or that an offence under section 60 has thereby been committed by any director, manager, secretary or other officer of the employer, may by notice in writing require any person to furnish, within a reasonable period specified in the notice —

- (a) any information within the knowledge of that person; or

- (b) any document or record in the possession, custody or control of that person,

which the inspector considers to be relevant to the investigation of that offence.

(3B) An inspector may inspect, make a copy of or take extracts from any book, register, document or record produced or furnished under subsection (3)(d), (e) or (f) or (3A), and take possession of the book, register, document or record, when in his opinion —

- (a) the copying thereof cannot reasonably be performed unless possession is taken;

- (b) the book, register, document or record may be tampered with unless possession is taken; or

(c) the book, register, document or record may be required as evidence in any proceedings for an offence under this Act or in any proceedings for the recovery of any moneys due to the Fund.”;

5 (g) by deleting the words “Subsection (3)” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “Subsections (3), (3A) and (3B)”;

(h) by deleting the words “salary in that subsection” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “wages in subsection (3)”;

10 (i) by deleting the words “or as to who is the employer of any employee” in subsection (5)(c) and substituting the words “, or as to the employment or employer of any employee, which that person is required by this section to furnish to an inspector or such officer”.

15 **Amendment of section 13**

4. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (a) of subsection (7C) and substituting the following paragraph:

20 “(a) the Board shall restore to the member’s account in the Fund from which the transferred amount had been transferred, or transfer to such other account in the Fund of the member as may be prescribed in any regulations made under section 77(1), that amount (including the whole or such part, as the Board may determine, of any interest that would have been payable thereon if the transfer had not been made), if the Board is satisfied that the member was still alive at the time of the transfer;”;

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(b) by deleting the words “the Board shall restore the latter amount (including interest) to the member’s account in the Fund from which that amount had been transferred” in subsection (7C)(b)(i) and substituting the words “the Board