

Films (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Films Act (Chapter 107 of the 1998 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 Films (Amendment) Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Films Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “any matter which” in subsection (2)(a), the words “, in the opinion of the Board,”;
- (b) by deleting the words “either partisan or biased references to or comments on any political matter, including but” in subsection (2)(b) and substituting the words “references to or comments on any political matter which, in the opinion of the Board, are either partisan or biased; and “political matter” includes but is”; and
- (c) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), none of the following films shall be regarded for the purposes of this Act as a party political film:

- (a) a film which is made solely for the purpose of reporting of news by a broadcasting service licensed under any written law;
- (b) a film which is made solely for the purpose of informing or educating persons on the procedures and polling times for any election or national referendum in Singapore;
- (c) a film which records live the whole or a material proportion of any performance, assembly of persons or procession that is held in accordance with the law and that does not depict any event, person or situation in a dramatic way;
- (d) a film designed to provide a record of an event or occasion that is held in accordance with the law for those who took part in the event or occasion or are connected with those who did so;
- (e) a documentary film without any animation and composed wholly of an accurate account depicting actual events, persons (deceased or otherwise) or situations, but not a film —