

Preservation of Monuments Bill

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An Act to provide for the preservation and protection of national monuments by the National Heritage Board and for matters connected therewith, to repeal the Preservation of Monuments Act (Chapter 239 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the National Heritage Board Act (Chapter 196A of the 1994 Revised Edition) and consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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 Preservation of Monuments Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Heritage Board established under the National Heritage Board Act (Cap. 196A);

“Director” means the Director of National Monuments appointed under section 8;

“enforcement notice” means a notice issued by the Board under section 18;

“information notice” means a notice served by the Director or a Monument Inspector under section 16;

“monument” means the whole or any part of, or the remains of —

- (a) any building, structure, erection, statue, sculpture or other work, whether above or below the surface of the land, and any cave or excavation;
- (b) any site comprising the remains of any such building, structure, erection, statue, sculpture or other work or of any cave or excavation; or
- (c) any site comprising, or comprising the remains of, any vehicle, vessel, aircraft or other movable structure or part thereof which neither constitutes nor forms part of any work which is a monument

within paragraph (a),

and includes any machinery attached to or forming part of a monument which cannot be detached from the monument without being dismantled;

“Monument Inspector” means any person appointed under section 9 to be a Monument Inspector for the purposes of this Act;

“national monument” means any monument that is subject to a preservation order and includes any land containing or adjacent to such monument that is specified in the preservation order under section 11(3);

“occupier”, in relation to any monument or land, means the person in occupation of, or having the charge, management or control of, such monument or land, whether on his own account or as an agent of another person, but does not include a lodger;

“owner” —

(a) in relation to any monument or land, means the person for the time being receiving the rent of the monument or land whether on his own account or as agent or trustee or as receiver, or who would receive the same if the monument or land were let to a tenant, and the person whose name is entered in the Valuation List prepared under section 10 of the Property Tax Act (Cap. 254) as the owner of the monument or land; and

(b) in relation to the common property of any subdivided building, means the person receiving any rent or charge for the maintenance of that common property;

“preservation notice” means a notice issued by the Board under section 13;

“preservation order” means an order made by the Minister under section 11 placing a monument under the protection of the Board.

PART II

FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF BOARD UNDER THIS ACT

Board to administer Act

3. The Board shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of this Act.

Functions of Board under this Act