

Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

Bill No. 26/2009

Read the first time on 23rd November 2009.

An Act to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore.

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 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

PART I

AMENDMENTS TO WRITTEN LAWS RELATING TO NAMES, TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS

Amendment of Medical (Therapy, Education and Research) Act

2. The Medical (Therapy, Education and Research) Act (Cap. 175, 1985 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “deceased person” in section 2, the following definition:

““designated officer”, in relation to an approved hospital for the purposes of this Act, means a person appointed under section 2A to be the designated officer of the approved hospital;”;

- (b) by deleting the definition of “Director” in section 2 and substituting the following definition:

““Director” means the Director of Medical Services, and includes the Deputy Director of Medical Services and such designated officer of an approved hospital or such public officer as is authorised by the Director of Medical Services in writing to act on his behalf;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after section 2, the following sections:

“Appointment of designated officers

2A. The Director of Medical Services may appoint, in writing, any senior official of the Ministry of Health or senior executive of an approved hospital for the purposes of this Act, to be the designated officer of any approved hospital for the purposes of this Act.

Approved hospitals, etc.

2B. The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare a hospital, medical or dental school, college or university to be an approved hospital, medical or dental school, college or university for the purposes of this Act.”;

- (d) by deleting subsection (2) of section 7;
- (e) by deleting the words “Superintendent of the Government hospital” in section 10(2) and substituting the words “designated officer of the approved hospital”;
- (f) by deleting the words “section 7(1)(a) or (b)” in section 10(2) and substituting the words “section 7(a) or (b)”;

- (g) by deleting the words “a hospital, nursing home or other institution,” wherever they appear in sections 12 and 15 and substituting in each case the words “an approved hospital or from an institution”.

Amendment of Pensions Act

3. The Pensions Act (Cap. 225, 2004 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “below the rank of assistant superintendent, prison officer below the rank of superintendent or a male nurse at a Government mental hospital” in section 11(2)(b) and substituting the words “below the rank of assistant superintendent or a prison officer below the rank of superintendent”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “, prison officer below the rank of superintendent or a male nurse at a Government mental hospital” in section 13(b) and substituting the words “or a prison officer below the rank of superintendent”.

Amendment of Subordinate Courts Act

4. The Subordinate Courts Act (Cap. 321, 2007 Ed.) is amended by deleting the words “Senior District Judge” wherever they appear in the following sections and substituting in each case the words “Chief District Judge”:

Sections 6A(2)(a), 9(2), 15A(1), 17(2) and (3), 57(2)(a) and (3), 59, 60(2), 62(1), (2) and (4), 67(1) and 70(2).

Amendment of Supreme Court of Judicature Act

5. Section 80(3) of the Supreme Court of Judicature Act (Cap. 322, 2007 Ed.) is amended by deleting the words “Senior District Judge” in paragraph (d) and substituting the words “Chief District Judge”.

Amendment of Workplace Safety and Health Act

6. Section 26(2) of the Workplace Safety and Health Act (Cap. 354A, 2009 Ed.) is amended by deleting the words “Senior District Judge” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “Chief District Judge”.

Amendment of references in written law or other documents

7. Any reference to “Senior District Judge” in any other written law or in any other document shall be construed as a reference to “Chief District Judge”.

PART II

OTHER AMENDMENTS

Amendment of Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act

8. The Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act (Cap. 2A, 2005 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of section 33(3)(c); and
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (d) of section 33(3) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(e) the Registrar of Limited Partnerships and any Deputy or Assistant Registrar of Limited Partnerships appointed under the Limited Partnerships Act 2008 (Act 37 of 2008).”.

Amendment of Casino Control Act

9. The Casino Control Act (Cap. 33A, 2007 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “gaming” in the definition of “chips” in section 2(1), the words “and includes any voucher or other instrument that has a fixed dollar wagering value”;
- (b) by deleting the words “(inclusive of goods and services tax)” wherever they appear in section 116(1); and
- (c) by deleting the word “Government” in section 117(3) and substituting the words “Singapore Totalisator Board”.

Amendment of Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009

10. The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009 (Act 17 of 2009) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (d) of the definition of “air navigation services” in section 2(1), the following paragraph:
 - “(da) communications, navigation and surveillance services;”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “content, form and procedure to be followed” in section 52(2), the words “, and the methodology or other