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Read the first time on 19th September 2005.

An Act to amend the Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B of the 2000 Revised

Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A of the 1996 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 Public Transport Council (Amendment) Act 2005 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Public Transport Council Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “to license bus services and approve bus, taxi and rapid transit system fares” and substituting the words “to provide for the licensing of bus services, bus service operators and ticket payment services, to regulate bus, taxi and rapid transit system fares”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definitions of “bus” and “bus service licence” and substituting the following definitions:

“bus” means any motor vehicle registered as a bus under the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276);

“bus service” means a service that is provided to any person upon the payment of a fare using one or more buses operating on pre-determined timetables and routes;

“bus service licence” means a bus service licence granted under Part IV;

“bus service operator” means any person who operates 10 or more bus services;

“bus service operator’s licence” means a bus service operator’s licence granted under Part IVA;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Council and includes any temporary Chairman of the Council;

“clearing”, in relation to a ticket payment service, means any

arrangement, process, mechanism or facility provided by a person in respect of ticket transactions, by which —

- (a) information relating to the terms of those transactions are verified by such person with a view to confirming the authenticity of those transactions; or
 - (b) the amount payable to the parties under those transactions is calculated and verified;”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “fare”, the following definitions:

““licensee” means a person to whom any licence has been granted under this Act;

“limited liability partnership” has the same meaning given to it by section 4(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005 (Act 5 of 2005);

“manager” —

- (a) in relation to a company, means the principal executive officer of the company for the time being by whatever name called and whether or not he is a director thereof; and
 - (b) in relation to a limited liability partnership, has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2005;”;
- (c) by deleting the definition of “public service vehicle” and substituting the following definitions:

““public service vehicle” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276);

“public transport official” means a person appointed by the Council as a public transport official under section 24A;”;
and

- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “taxi” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““ticket” means any form of authorisation, issued for the

conveyance of any passenger on a rapid transit system or on any bus operated by a bus service operator, or both;

“ticket payment service” means —

- (a) a service for —
 - (i) the clearing of any ticket transaction; or
 - (ii) the sale, topping-up, replacement of, or refund or management of the use of a mode of payment for, tickets; or
- (b) such other services as the Council may, by order in the *Gazette*, prescribe;

“ticket payment service licence” means a licence granted under Part IVB;

“ticket transaction” means any record of a fare deduction created by the use of a mode of payment for tickets.”.

Amendment of section 3

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) There is hereby established a council to be called the Public Transport Council which shall consist of the following members:

- (a) a Chairman; and
- (b) such other members as the Minister may determine.”.

Amendment of section 4

5. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) to receive and consider applications for the grant of bus service licences, bus service operator’s licences and ticket payment service licences;”; and

(b) by deleting paragraph (c) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(c) to regulate bus services, bus service operators,