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Read the first time on 5th January 2004.

An Act to amend the Fire Safety Act (Chapter 109A of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make 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:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Fire Safety (Amendment) Act 2004 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(1) of the Fire Safety Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “building”, the following definition:

““alternative solution”, in relation to any fire safety works, means an engineering solution for the fire safety works to satisfy any fire performance requirements in the Fire Code, being a solution that is based on —

(a) a deterministic or probabilistic analysis of fire scenarios or both types of analysis; or

(b) a quantitative or qualitative assessment of design alternatives or both against the fire performance requirements in the Fire Code,

using engineering tools, methodologies and performance criteria as may be acceptable to the Commissioner, but does not include engineered smoke control systems where the usage and design are in accordance with the Fire Code;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Commissioner”, the following definition:

““Fire Code” means the Code of Practice for Fire Precautions in

Buildings published by the Commissioner as amended or remade from time to time, and includes any code, standard, rule, specification or provision adopted by the Commissioner under section 55 in lieu of the Fire Code;”;

- (c) by deleting the words “any place of public resort” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “fire hazard” and substituting the words “any public building or any building used occasionally or regularly for public worship or religious ceremonies”;

- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “fire hazard abatement notice”, the following definition:

“ “fire performance requirements” means the objectives specified in the Fire Code in respect of fire safety works;”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “fire protection works”, the following definition:

“ “fire safety engineer” means a person who is registered as a fire safety engineer under this Act;”;

- (f) by deleting the definition of “place of public resort” and substituting the following definition:

“ “peer reviewer” means a fire safety engineer who is appointed to review and assess whether any alternative solution in plans for any fire safety works that is prepared or proposed by another person satisfies any fire performance requirements;”;

- (g) by deleting the definition of “public building” and substituting the following definition:

“ “public building” means a building or part of a building —

- (a) used as a hospital or a nursing home;
- (b) used ordinarily or occasionally to provide residential care to aged persons or child care for groups of children;
- (c) used wholly or mainly as or in connection with a hotel, shop or restaurant; or
- (d) where the public or any part thereof or

numbers of persons occasionally or regularly assemble for —

- (i) civic or social (but not religious or educational) purposes;
- (ii) entertainment, recreational or sporting purposes; or
- (iii) business purposes;”.

Amendment of section 5A

3. Section 5A of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (e) of subsection (1) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(f) if he is a qualified person or a fire safety engineer, his registration as such is revoked or cancelled or he is suspended from practising as such under this Act or any other relevant written law.”;
- (b) by deleting the words “or (e)” in subsection (3) and substituting the words “, (e) or (f)”;
- (c) by deleting the words “one month” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “7 days”; and
- (d) by deleting the words “or (e)” in subsection (12) and substituting the words “, (e) or (f)”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “the duties and responsibilities or exercising all or any of the powers of the Commissioner under this Act or any regulations made thereunder as may be authorised by the Commissioner under section 3(3) or any regulations made under this Act” and substituting the words “his duties and responsibilities or exercising his powers as a registered inspector under this Act or any regulations made thereunder”.

Amendment of section 6A

5. Section 6A of the principal Act is amended —