

# **Health Sciences Authority Bill**

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### **Health Sciences Authority Bill**

#### **Bill No. 3/2001**

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An Act to establish the Health Sciences Authority, to provide for its functions and powers, and for matters connected therewith; 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:

#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

#### **Short title and commencement**

1. This Act may be cited as the Health Sciences Authority Act 2001 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;

“Authority” means the Health Sciences Authority established under section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Authority and includes a temporary Chairman appointed under section 8;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Authority appointed under

section 15 and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“member” means a member of the Authority and includes a temporary member appointed under section 8.

## PART II

### ESTABLISHMENT, INCORPORATION AND CONSTITUTION OF AUTHORITY

#### **Establishment and incorporation of Health Sciences Authority**

3. There is hereby established a body to be known as the Health Sciences Authority which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing, or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering all such other acts or things as a body corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

#### **Common seal**

4.—(1) The Authority shall have a common seal and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered or made anew as the Authority thinks fit.

(2) All deeds and other documents requiring the seal of the Authority shall be sealed with the common seal of the Authority.

(3) All instruments to which the common seal is affixed shall be signed by any 2 members generally or specially authorised by the Authority for the purpose or by one member and the Chief Executive.

(4) The Authority may, by resolution or otherwise in writing, appoint an officer of the Authority or any other agent either generally or in any particular case to execute or sign on behalf of the Authority any agreement or other instrument not under seal in relation to any matter coming within the powers of the Authority.

(5) All courts, judges and persons acting judicially shall take judicial notice of the common seal of the Authority affixed to any document and shall presume that it was duly affixed.