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An Act to amend the Singapore Broadcasting Authority Act (Chapter 297 of the 1995 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 Singapore Broadcasting Authority (Amendment) Act 2001 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **New Part IXA**

2. The Singapore Broadcasting Authority Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after section 42, the following Part:

#### **“PART IXA**

#### **DECLARED FOREIGN BROADCASTING SERVICES**

**42A.**—(1) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, declare any foreign broadcasting service rebroadcast in Singapore on any relevant licensable broadcasting service to be a foreign broadcasting service engaging in the domestic politics of Singapore.

(2) No person shall, without the prior approval of the Minister, include any declared foreign broadcasting service for rebroadcast in Singapore on any relevant licensable broadcasting service.

(3) The Minister may —

- (a) grant his approval under subsection (2) subject to such conditions as he thinks fit;
- (b) refuse to grant his approval; or
- (c) revoke his approval at any time without assigning any reason.

(4) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (3), the Minister may, in imposing conditions under that subsection, specify that —

- (a) the number of persons capable of receiving any declared foreign broadcasting service rebroadcast in Singapore on any relevant licensable broadcasting service shall be restricted in such manner as the Minister may, from time to time, direct; and