

Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments and Repeal) Bill

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Bill No. 24/2001

Read the first time on 11th July 2001.

An Act to amend certain statutes of the Republic of Singapore and to repeal the Coin Act (Chapter 46 of the 1985 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 Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments and Repeal) Act 2001 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of Interpretation Act

2. Section 51 of the Interpretation Act (Cap. 1, 1999 Ed.) is amended by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) “Standard time” means standard time as used in Singapore, namely, 8 hours, or such other period as may from time to time be determined by the President by notification in the *Gazette*, in advance of Coordinated Universal Time.”.

Amendment of Charities Act

3.—(1) Section 5(6) of the Charities Act (Cap. 37, 1995 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “subsection (5)” in the last line of paragraph (a), the words “, within 3 months after its establishment or such longer period as the Commissioner may, in his discretion, allow”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “trusts,” at the end of paragraph (b), the words “within 7 days after such cessation or change or such longer period as the Commissioner may, in his discretion, allow,”.

(2) Section 7 of the Charities Act is amended by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection:

“(5) Where the name of any charity is changed under this section, it shall be the duty of the charity trustees to notify the Commissioner, within 7 days after such change or such longer period as the Commissioner may, in his discretion, allow, of the new name of the charity and of the date on which the change occurred.”.

Amendment of Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act

4. Section 5 of the Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 2000 (Act 17 of 2000) is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Where an offence under section 8 or 26 is committed outside Singapore by a citizen of Singapore, he may be dealt with in respect of that offence as if it had been committed within Singapore.”.

Repeal of Coin Act

5. The Coin Act (Cap. 46, 1985 Ed.) is repealed.

Amendment of Companies Act

6. Section 106D of the Companies Act (Cap. 50, 1994 Ed.) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “debentures,” in the 1st and 2nd lines of paragraph (a) of the definition of “sophisticated investor”, the words “or units of shares or debentures,”.

Amendment of Employment of Foreign Workers Act

7. Section 2 of the Employment of Foreign Workers Act (Cap. 91A, 1997 Ed.) is amended by deleting the definition of “construction works” and substituting the following definition:

“ “construction works” means the construction, extension, installation, carrying out, repair, maintenance, renewal, removal, alteration, dismantling or demolition of —

- (a) any building, erection, edifice, structure, wall, fence or chimney, whether constructed wholly or partly above or below ground level;
- (b) any road, motorway, harbour works, railway, cableway, canal or aerodrome;
- (c) any drainage, irrigation or river control work;
- (d) any electrical, water, gas or telecommunication works;
- (e) any bridge, viaduct, dam, reservoir, earthworks, pipeline, sewer, aqueduct, culvert, drive, shaft, tunnel or reclamation,

and includes any works which form an integral part of, or are preparatory to the works described in paragraphs (a) to (e), including site clearance, earth-moving, excavation, laying of foundation, site restoration and landscaping, and such other works or activities as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify to be construction works.”.

Amendment of Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Act

8. Section 2 of the Housing Developers (Control and Licensing) Act (Cap. 130, 1985 Ed.) is amended by deleting the words “section 4 of” in paragraph (i) of the definition of “housing developer”.

Amendment of Infectious Diseases Act

9. Section 2 of the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137, 1999 Ed.) is amended by deleting the definition of “Health Officer” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Health Officer” means any medical practitioner who is appointed by the Commissioner or the Director to carry out the duties of a Health Officer under this Act or the regulations made thereunder;”.

Amendment of Institute of Southeast Asian Studies Act