

# **Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Housing and Development Act (Chapter 129 of the 1997 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.**—(1) This Act may be cited as the Housing and Development (Amendment) Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

### **New sections 13A and 13B**

**2.** The Housing and Development Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following sections:

#### **“Symbol or representation of Board**

**13A.**—(1) The Board shall have the exclusive right to the use of such symbol or representation as the Board may select or devise and thereafter display or exhibit in connection with its activities or affairs.

(2) Any person who uses a symbol or representation identical with that of the Board, or which so resembles the symbol or representation thereof as to deceive or cause confusion, or to be likely to deceive or cause confusion, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

#### **Use of name, etc., of Board**

**13B.**—(1) The Board may conduct its operations under its full name or under the acronym HDB.

(2) A person other than the Board shall not —

- (a) use in connection with a business, trade, profession or occupation;
- (b) use as the name, or as part of the name, of any firm, body corporate or institution; or

- (c) use in relation to —
  - (i) services or products; or
  - (ii) the promotion, by any means, of the supply of services or products,

the name of the Board or the acronym HDB, or a name or acronym so closely resembling the name of the Board or the acronym HDB, as to be likely to be mistaken for it.

(3) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with subsection (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.”.

### **Amendment of section 48A**

3. Section 48A of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any written law, every lessee of any flat comprised in any designated building and the Board shall be discharged, respectively, from the following covenant:

- (a) in the case of a lessee, from any covenant in the lease —
  - (i) restricting or prohibiting the use of the flat for any trade, business, manufacture or commercial purpose;
  - (ii) prohibiting the erection or putting up of any signboard, advertisement, billboard or other sign on the exterior of the flat; or
  - (iii) which would impede the reasonable use of that flat for any commercial purpose; and
- (b) in the case of the Board, from any covenant in the lease requiring the Board —
  - (i) to grant any lease of any other flat comprised in that designated building