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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 1998 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.

#### **Amendment of section 4**

2. Section 4 of the Housing and Development Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting subsection (4).

#### **Amendment of section 22**

- 3. Section 22 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) by deleting the word "or" in the fourth line; and
  - (b) by inserting, immediately after the words "ancillary thereto" in the sixth line, the words "or, with the approval of the Minister, in relation to any services not connected with housing or buildings ancillary thereto".

#### Amendment of section 27

- **4.** Section 27 of the principal Act is amended
  - (a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of subsection (2), the following paragraphs:
    - "(ba) regulating the carrying out of any renovation in any flat, house or other building sold under this Act;
    - (bb) prescribing the form or forms of the contract or

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- agreement that shall be used by every owner of any such flat, house or other building and a purchaser other than the Board;
- (bc) prescribing the conditions which, if used in any contract or agreement between any owner of any such flat, house or other building and a purchaser other than the Board, shall be void;"; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:
  - "(2A) Any rules made under subsection (2)(ba) may prescribe
    - (a) the procedure and fees relating to the application and grant of a licence to carry out any renovation in any such flat, house or other building;
    - (b) the conditions of any such licence;
    - (c) the deposit of security to the satisfaction of the Board for the due performance of all or any of the obligations imposed on the licensee by the licence or by this Act or any rules made thereunder; and
    - (d) the procedure for cancelling or suspending any such licence or forfeiting any such deposit of security, including a right of appeal to the Minister (whose decision shall be final) against any such proposed cancellation, suspension or forfeiture.".

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## New section 49A

**5.** The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 49, the following section:

# "Prohibition of sale within minimum occupation period, etc.

- **49A.**—(1) Except with the prior written consent of the Board, no owner of any flat, house or other building which has been sold by the Board under the provisions of this Part shall, within the prescribed minimum occupation period, by contract, agreement or otherwise, sell or agree to sell his flat, house or other building or any estate or interest therein to any other person.
- (2) Unless otherwise authorised by the Board, every contract, agreement or other document relating to the sale of any such flat, house or other building which is made between the owner of the flat, house or other building and a purchaser other than the Board shall be in the prescribed form.