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Read the first time on 25th August 1997.

An Act to amend the Tourist Promotion Board Act (Chapter 328 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other Acts.

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 Tourist Promotion Board (Amendment) Act 1997 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Tourist Promotion Board Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is deleted and the following long title substituted therefor:

“An Act for the establishment of the Singapore Tourism Board and of the Tourism Fund and for matters connected therewith.”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Tourist Promotion Board Act” and substituting the words “Singapore Tourism Board Act”.

Amendment of section 2

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Board” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “Board” means the Singapore Tourism Board established under section 3;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Board appointed under section 8 and includes any acting Chief Executive appointed under section 8(3);”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “tourist enterprise” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “tourism enterprise” means all or any of the following:

(a) any business which provides national or international carriage for passengers;

(b) any business which, either wholly or in part, provides or arranges services for visitors to Singapore by way of transport, accommodation, tours or guides, whether or not such services are provided within or outside Singapore;

(c) any business which, either wholly or in part, distributes for the purpose of trade or retails tourism-related products;

- (d) any other undertaking, including any convention, exhibition, show, fair, publicity campaign or theme park, intended wholly or in part for the benefit of, or for the purpose of attracting, visitors to Singapore;

“tourism-related product” means any product, primarily intended for sale to visitors to Singapore, that —

- (a) depicts any scenery or tourist attraction of Singapore;
- (b) bears the Merlion symbol, a representation of which is set out in the First Schedule; or
- (c) has any other characteristic that the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, declare.”.

Amendment of section 3

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Singapore Tourist Promotion Board” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “Singapore Tourism Board”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “Tourist Promotion Board” in the marginal note and substituting the words “Singapore Tourism Board”.

Amendment of section 5

6. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - “(b) the Chief Executive; and
 - (c) 10 other members to be appointed by the Minister.”;
 - and
- (b) by deleting the words “subsection (1)(d)” in the second line of subsection (2) and substituting the words “subsection (1)(c)”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 8

7. Section 8 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Chief Executive

8.—(1) The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a Chief Executive for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Chief Executive shall —

- (a) be known by such designation as the Board may determine;
- (b) be responsible to the Board for the proper administration and management of the functions and affairs of the Board in accordance with the policy laid down by the Board; and
- (c) not be removed from office without the consent of the Minister.

(3) If the Chief Executive is temporarily absent from Singapore or temporarily incapacitated by reason of illness or for any other reason temporarily unable to perform his duties, a person may be appointed by the Board to act in the place of the Chief Executive during such period of absence from duty.”.

New section 10A

8. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 10, the following section:

“Appointment of committees and delegation of powers

10A.—(1) The Board may, in its discretion, appoint from among its members or other persons who are not members such number of committees consisting of members or other persons or members and other persons for purposes which, in the opinion of the Board, would be better regulated and managed by means of such committees.

(2) The Board may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it may impose, delegate to the Chairman, Chief Executive or a committee appointed under subsection (1) all or any of the functions, duties and powers vested in the Board by or under this Act or any other written law, and any power, function or duty so delegated may be exercised or performed by the Chairman, Chief Executive or such committee, as the case may be, in the name and on behalf of the Board.

(3) The Board may, subject to such conditions or restrictions as it thinks fit, delegate to any member or employee of the Board all or any of its functions, duties and powers vested in the Board by or under this Act or any other written law, and any power, function or duty so delegated may be exercised or performed by such member or employee in the name and on behalf of the Board.

(4) The Board may continue to exercise a power conferred upon it, or perform a