

Insurance (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Insurance Act (Chapter 142 of the 1994 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 Insurance (Amendment) Act 1995 and shall come into

operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

New sections 32A and 32B

2. The Insurance Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 32, the following sections:

“Production orders against insurers to produce material relating to drug trafficking

32A.—(1) The Attorney-General or any person duly authorised by him in writing may, for the purpose of an investigation into drug trafficking, apply to the High Court for an order under subsection (2) in relation to any particular material or material of a particular description.

(2) The High Court may, if on such an application it is satisfied that the conditions referred to in subsection (3) are fulfilled, make an order that the insurer which appears to the Court to be in possession of the material to which the application relates shall —

- (a) produce the material to the Attorney-General or the person duly authorised by him for the Attorney-General or such person to take away; or
- (b) give the Attorney-General or the person duly authorised by him access to the material,

within a reasonable period, but not less than 7 days, as the order may specify.

(3) The conditions referred to in subsection (2) are —

- (a)
 - (i) where the application is in respect of a foreign offence, that there is *prima facie* case that a specified person has carried on or has benefited from drug trafficking; and
 - (ii) in any other case, that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that a specified person has carried on or has benefited from drug trafficking;
- (b) that there are reasonable grounds for believing that the material to which the application relates —
 - (i) is likely to be of substantial value (whether by itself or together with other material) to the investigation for the purpose of which the application is made; and
 - (ii) does not consist of or include items subject to legal privilege; and