

# **Architects Bill**

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### **Bill No. 9/1991**

*Read the first time on 26th February 1991.*

An Act to establish the Board of Architects, to provide for the registration of architects, to regulate the qualifications and practice of architects and the supply of architectural services in Singapore by corporations; and to repeal the Architects Act (Chapter 12 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

## **PART I**

## **PRELIMINARY**

## Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Architects Act 1991 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

## Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“allied professional” means —

(a) a professional engineer who is registered under the Professional Engineers Act 1991; or

(b) a land surveyor who is registered under the Land Surveyors Act 1991;

“architectural services” includes selling or supplying for gain or reward any architectural plan, drawing, tracing or the like for use in the construction, enlargement or alteration of any building or part thereof;

“Board” means the Board of Architects established under section 4;

“building” has the same meaning as in the Building Control Act [Cap. 29];

“building authority” means any person empowered under the provisions of the Building Control Act to approve plans of building works;

“certificate of registration” means the certificate of registration issued under section 17;

“Investigation Committee” means an Investigation Committee appointed under section 7(2);

“licence” means a licence to supply architectural services in Singapore granted under section 20;

“licensed”, in relation to a corporation or partnership, means a corporation or partnership which has in force a licence;

“manager”, in relation to a corporation or partnership, means the principal executive officer of the corporation or partnership for the time being by whatever name called and whether or not he is a director or partner thereof;

“practising certificate” means an annual certificate issued under section 18 authorising the holder thereof to engage in the practice of architecture in