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An Act to amend the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 1988 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 Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Act 1989 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 13

2. Section 13(1) of the Central Provident Fund Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “regulations made under section 56(1)(g), (j) or (k)” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “section 37F and with regulations made under sections 37L(b) and 56 (1)(g), (j) or (k)”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or section 17” in paragraph (c) and substituting the words “, section 17 or section 37F”.

Amendment of section 34

3. Section 34 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (5) and substituting the following subsection:

“(5) The Board shall not be required to make any payment in respect of any member of the Scheme —

- (a) if the death or incapacity of that member occurs within one year from the date he is insured under the Scheme and the death is the result of suicide or the incapacity is the result of deliberate self-injury; or
- (b) if the death or incapacity of that person arises from war or any warlike operations or participation in any riot.”.

New Part IVA

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after Part IV, the following Part:

“PART IVA

DEPENDANTS’ PROTECTION INSURANCE SCHEME

Interpretation

37A. In this Part —

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of the Central Provident Fund (Amendment) Act 1989;

“incapacitated” has the same meaning as in section 27;

“Dependants’ Protection Insurance Fund” means the Dependants’ Protection Insurance Fund established and maintained by the Board under section 37G;

“Scheme” means the Dependants’ Protection Insurance Scheme established and maintained by the Board under section 37B;

“insured person” means a person who is insured under the Scheme;

“premium” means the annual premium payable by an insured person;

“insured sum” means the sum prescribed in regulations made under this Part which is payable on the incapacity or death of the insured person.

Establishment of Dependants’ Protection Insurance Scheme

37B. The Board may establish and maintain a Dependants’ Protection Insurance Scheme for the purpose of providing that on the incapacity or death of an insured person at any time during the period in which he is insured under the Scheme, the Board will pay the insured sum in accordance with the Scheme.

Persons insured under the Scheme

37C.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Part —

- (a) every member of the Fund for whom any contribution has been paid into the Fund during the 6 months prior to the appointed day; and
- (b) every member of the Fund, other than members described in paragraph (a), for whom any contribution has been paid into the Fund on or after the appointed day,

shall be insured under the Scheme.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to —

- (a) any member of the Fund who has attained the age of 55 years;
- (b) any member of the Fund who is neither a citizen nor a permanent resident of Singapore;
- (c) any member of the Fund who has lodged a written notice with the

Board stating that he does not wish to be insured under the Scheme;
and

- (d) any member or class of members of the Fund whom the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify.

(3) Any person referred to in subsection (1) who does not wish to be insured under the Scheme may lodge with the Board a written notice in such form as the Board may require stating that he does not wish to be insured under the Scheme.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), any member of the Fund who is not insured under the Scheme may apply to the Board to be insured under the Scheme.

(5) The Board may approve any application under subsection (4) with or without conditions.

Board may cancel insurance cover

37D.—(1) If the Board has reason to believe that an insured person is incapacitated or suffering from terminal illness on or before the date of commencement of his insurance cover under the Scheme the Board may cancel the cover of that person under the Scheme and upon such cancellation, that person shall cease immediately to be insured under the Scheme.

(2) All premiums paid by any person whose cover under the Scheme has been cancelled pursuant to subsection (1), together with the interest that would have been payable if the amount of such premiums had been standing to the credit of that person's account in the Fund, shall be refunded to his account in the Fund except that no refund shall be made if that person has made or furnished to the Board any statement or fact that is false or misleading in a material particular.

Board may require insured person to furnish information

37E.—(1) The Board may require any insured person to furnish to the Board such information as the Board thinks fit regarding the life and health of the insured person or members of his family.

(2) The Board may also require any insured person to undergo such medical examination as the Board thinks fit.

Premium

37F.—(1) Every insured person shall pay a premium of an amount prescribed