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An Act to amend the Planning Act (Chapter 232 of the 1985 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 Planning (Amendment) Act 1989 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Planning Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “competent authority”, the following definitions:

““conservation” means the preservation, enhancement or restoration of —

(a) the character or appearance of a conservation area; or

(b) the trades, crafts, customs and other traditional activities carried on in a conservation area;

“conservation area” means the conservation area designated by the Minister under section 6A;

“conservation authority” means the Urban Redevelopment Authority or such other body or person as the Minister may appoint;” and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “street”, the following definition:

““Urban Redevelopment Authority” means the Urban Redevelopment Authority established under section 3 of the Urban Redevelopment Authority Act [Cap. 340];”.

Amendment of section 3

3. The Planning Act is amended by renumbering section 3 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) The powers conferred and the duties imposed on the competent authority under this Act may be exercised and carried out by any of the following persons generally or specially authorised by name or office by the competent authority and subject to his directions and control:

- (a) any officer of the Planning Department of the Ministry of National Development; and
- (b) any officer in the employment of a public authority constituted by any written law as the Minister may approve for the purpose.

(3) The powers conferred and the duties imposed on the competent authority which relate to conservation under Part III may be exercised and carried out by any officer in the employment of the Urban Redevelopment Authority generally or specially authorised by name or office by the competent authority and subject to his directions and control.

(4) Any officer who is generally or specially authorised under subsection (2) or (3) to exercise the powers or to carry out the duties of the competent authority under this Act shall —

- (a) be deemed to be public officers for the purposes of this Act; and
- (b) be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code [Cap. 224].”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6(3) of the Planning Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word, “industry,” in the last line, the words “or for the purposes of conservation and the demarcation of conservation areas,”.

New section 6A

5. The Planning Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section:

“Designation of conservation areas

6A.—(1) Where the Minister, after considering any proposal submitted by the competent authority under section 6, is satisfied that any area, district or premises is of special architectural, historic, traditional or aesthetic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve, enhance or restore, the Minister may designate that area, district or premises as a conservation area.

(2) Every conservation area designated under subsection (1) shall be demarcated on the Master Plan.”.

Amendment of the heading of Part III

6. The heading of Part III of the Planning Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “LAND”, the words “AND CONSERVATION”.

Amendment of section 9

7. Section 9(6) of the Planning Act is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(ba) for compliance with any guidelines or requirements issued by the conservation authority for the purposes of conservation or any other requirements related thereto;”.

New sections 10A and 10B

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

“Restriction upon works within a conservation area

10A.—(1) Without prejudice to section 9, no person shall, without the written permission of the competent authority carry out any works within a conservation area.

(2) All applications for permission to carry out any works within a conservation area shall be made to the competent authority in the form and manner prescribed by rules made under section 25.

(3) In considering such applications the competent authority may, subject to the rules made under section 25, grant permission to carry out any works within a conservation area, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as he considers fit, or may refuse permission to carry out any works within a conservation area, and in dealing with any such application the competent authority shall act in conformity with the provisions of the Master Plan and any