

Building Control Bill

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Read the first time on 4th March 1988.

An Act to consolidate and amend and to make further provision concerning the law relating to buildings, and for matters connected therewith.

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 Building Control Act 1988 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

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

“accredited checker” means a person who is registered as an accredited checker under section 15;

“building” means any permanent or temporary building and includes any structure or erection of whatever kind or nature (whether permanent or temporary) and in particular —

- (a) a wall (including a retaining wall), partition, gate, fence, paling, platform, staging, post, pillar, shoring, hoarding or frame;
- (b) a slip, dock, wharf, pier, jetty, landing stage or landing bridge;
- (c) a culvert, crossing, bridge, underpass or tunnel; or
- (d) a sewage treatment plant, sewer, drain, swimming pool or tank for the storage of any solid, liquid or gaseous matter;

“Building Authority” means the Director-General of Public Works;

“building regulations” means the regulations made under section 46;

“building works” means —

- (a) the erection, extension or demolition of a building;
- (b) the alteration, addition or repair of a building;
- (c) the provision, extension or alteration of any air-conditioning service, ventilating system or fire protection system in or in connection with a building,

and includes site formation works and any other kind of building operation connected with or carried out for the purpose of paragraph (a), (b) or (c);

“certificate of statutory completion” means a certificate of statutory completion issued under section 19;

“common property” has the same meaning as in the Buildings and Common Property (Maintenance and Management) Act (Cap. 30);

“competent authority” means the competent authority appointed under section 3 of the Planning Act (Cap. 232);

“key structural elements” means the foundations, columns, beams, shear cores and such other parts of a building which are essential for its support;