

# **Singapore Totalisator Board Bill**

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### **Bill No. 21/1987**

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An Act to provide for the establishment of the Singapore Totalisator Board and to regulate the conduct of betting by agencies of the Board, 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 Singapore Totalisator Board Act 1987 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 —

“approved scheme” means a scheme for the establishment and operation of totalisators and totalisator agencies for the time being approved by the Minister pursuant to section 11;

“Board” means the Singapore Totalisator Board established by section 3;

“horse race” includes a pony race;

“race course” means any land used for the purpose of a race meeting;

“race meeting” means a meeting for the purpose of horse racing;

“totalisator” means any instrument for wagering or betting known by that name, and any other instrument, device, machine or method of a like nature and conducted on the same principles, and includes a numbers forecast totalisator paying a fixed minimum dividend;

“totalisator agency” means any totalisator agency operated in accordance with an approved scheme, and includes any premises in which totalisator investments may be received pursuant to such scheme;

“totalisator investment” means any money, currency note or cheque received for investment on the totalisator or invested pursuant to any facilities provided under an approved scheme;

“turf club” means any club, association or other body of persons (whether incorporated or unincorporated) established for the purpose of promoting, conducting and controlling the sport of horse racing.

## PART II

### THE SINGAPORE TOTALISATOR BOARD

#### **Establishment and incorporation of the Singapore Totalisator Board**

3. There is hereby established a Board to be known as the Singapore Totalisator Board which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, by that name, be capable of —

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) acquiring, owning, holding and developing or disposing of property, both movable and immovable; and
- (c) doing and suffering such other acts or things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

#### **Functions of Board**

4. The functions of the Board are —

- (a) to operate totalisators in accordance with any approved scheme under section 11;
- (b) to conduct equine research and establish, maintain and improve turf clubs, training centres for apprentices, jockeys, blacksmiths and others employed in connection with racing, and other places used in connection with racing;
- (c) to conduct four digit numbers forecast draws in accordance with any scheme which the Minister may, subject to such conditions as he may impose, authorise; and
- (d) to carry on all other activities which appear to the Board requisite, advantageous or convenient for or in connection with its functions and for the improvement of racing generally in Singapore.

## **Powers of Board**

5.—(1) The Board shall have all such powers as may be reasonably necessary to enable it to carry out its functions.

(2) Subject to any regulations made under section 21, the Board may from time to time distribute any moneys forming part of the funds of the Board and not required by it in the exercise of its functions under section 4 for all or any of the following purposes:

- (a) public, social or charitable purposes; and
- (b) the promotion of culture, art and sport generally in Singapore.

## **Members of Board**

6.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman; and
- (b) not less than 4 nor more than 6 other members as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(2) The First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the Board, its members and proceedings.

## **Staff**

7. The Board may from time to time appoint such officers, employees and agents as it thinks fit for the effective performance of its functions on such terms and conditions as it may determine.

## **Bank accounts and application of revenue**

8.—(1) The Board shall open and maintain an account or accounts with such bank or banks as the Board thinks fit; and every such account shall be operated by such person or persons as may from time to time be authorised in that behalf by the Board.

(2) The moneys of the Board shall be applied only in payment or discharge of the expenses, obligations and liabilities of the Board and in making any payments that the Board is authorised or required to make.

## **Investments**

9. Moneys belonging to the Board may, with the approval of the Minister, be invested in such securities as trustees may by any written law be authorised to invest.