Immigration (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Immigration Act (Chapter 81 of the Revised Edition).

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Immigration (Amendment) Act 1984.

Amendment of section 6

2. Section 6(3) of the Immigration Act is deleted and the following subsection substituted therefor:

"(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence and —

- (*a*) in the case of an offence under subsection (1) shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than 6 months and not more than 2 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$6,000;
- (b) in the case of an offence under subsection (2) shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to a fine not exceeding \$4,000 or to both.".

Amendment of section 9

3. Section 9(4) of the Immigration Act is deleted and the following subsections substituted therefor:

"(4) Any person who enters or re-enters or remains in Singapore in contravention of any order made under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than 2 years and not more than 4 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$6,000.

(5) Where a person, who has been previously convicted of any offence which is punishable with imprisonment for a term of not less than 3 years, commits an offence under subsection (4) by the use of a passport or other travel document which bears a name different from that stated in the order made against him under subsection (1), he shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than 2 years and not more than 5 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and to caning.".

Amendment of section 15

4. Section 15(3) of the Immigration Act is deleted and the following subsection substituted therefor:

"(3) Any person who without reasonable cause contravenes this section shall be guilty of an offence and —

- (a) in the case where he remains unlawfully for a period not exceeding 90 days shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to a fine not exceeding \$4,000 or to both;
- (b) in the case where he remains unlawfully for a period exceeding 90 days shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than 6 months and not more than 2 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$6,000.".

Repeal and re-enactment of section 36

5. Section 36 of the Immigration Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

"Unlawful return after removal

36. Any person who, having been removed or otherwise lawfully sent out of Singapore, enters or resides in Singapore without the permission in writing of the Controller shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than one year and not more than 3 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$6,000, and shall in addition be liable to be removed from Singapore.".

Amendment of section 56

6. Section 56 of the Immigration Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words "enters unlawfully or" in subsection (1)(a);
- (b) by deleting subsection (1)(i), (ii) and (iii) and substituting the following paragraphs:
 - "(i) in the case of an offence under paragraph (*a*) shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than 3 months and not more than 2 years and shall also be liable to a fine not exceeding \$4,000;
 - (ii) in the case of an offence under paragraph (b), (d) or (e) shall be punished with imprisonment for a