

Water Pollution Control and Drainage (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Water Pollution Control and Drainage Act, 1975 (No. 29 of 1975).

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 Water Pollution Control and Drainage (Amendment) Act 1983.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 14

2. Section 14 of the Water Pollution Control and Drainage Act, 1975 (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

“Conservation, quality and use of inland water

14.—(1) The Minister may make such regulations as he considers necessary or desirable with respect to —

- (a) the conservation, quality and use of inland water; and
- (b) the enhancement and preservation of amenity in connection with inland water.

(2) In this section, “inland water” includes any river, stream, reservoir, lake or pond, whether natural or artificial.

Penalties for discharging toxic substances into inland water

14A.—(1) Every person who discharges or causes or permits to be discharged any toxic substance into any inland water so as to be likely to give rise to an environmental hazard shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction —

- (a) for a first offence, to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both; and
- (b) for a second or subsequent offence, to imprisonment for a term of not less than one month and not more than one year and in addition to a fine not exceeding \$20,000.

(2) Where a person carrying on any trade or business has been convicted of a third offence under this section for the discharge of, or for causing or permitting the discharge of, any toxic substance which is produced by any process or work in connection with that trade or business, the Minister may by order direct that person to cease forthwith to carry on that process or work either indefinitely or for any