

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 172 of the 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 Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Act, 1981, 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 Merchant Shipping Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the definition of “Safety Convention” and substituting the following definition: —

““Safety Convention” means the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea signed in London on 1st November, 1974, and any amendment made thereto which has come into force and has been accepted by the Government;”.

Amendment of section 295

3. Section 295 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsections (4) and (8); and
- (b) by renumbering subsections (5), (6) and (7) as subsections (4), (5) and (6), respectively.

Amendment of section 342

4. Section 342 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections: —

“(4) The Port Master may refuse to issue a port clearance to any ship which has anchored in the submarine cable corridor unless the owner, agent or master of the ship has deposited such sum of money or furnished such security as may be required by the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore in order to meet the costs of making good the damage, whether actual or suspected, to the submarine cable and its associated plant (referred to in this section as the submersible plant).

(5) Where the Telecommunication Authority of Singapore has reason to believe that the submersible plant has been damaged by a ship the Telecommunication