

Parking Places (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Parking Places Act, 1974 (No. 5 of 1974).

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 Parking Places (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 Parking Places Act, 1974 (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Authority”, the following definition: —

“ “driver” includes the person for the time being in charge or control of a vehicle, and “drive” shall be construed accordingly;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “provisions” in the definition of “parking place”, the words “of section 3”; and
- (c) by deleting the word “ten” in the definition of “private parking place” and substituting the word “five”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraphs: —

“(a) utilise any land or premises which may lawfully be acquired or appropriated;

(b) utilise any land or premises owned or occupied by any statutory body upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the Minister and the statutory body; or”;

- (b) by re-lettering the existing paragraph (b) as paragraph (c).

Amendment of section 4

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

“(4) No licensee shall collect any fees or charges for the use of any private parking place unless the fees or charges have first been approved by the Superintendent.”.

New sections 13A and 13B

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following sections: —

“Liability of owner of vehicles for parking offences

13A.—(1) When a parking offence is committed, the person who at the time of the commission of the offence is the owner of the vehicle in respect of which the offence is committed shall be guilty of an offence under the rules made under this Act in all respects as if he were the actual offender guilty of the parking offence unless —

- (a) he satisfies the Superintendent that the vehicle was at the relevant time a stolen vehicle or a vehicle illegally taken or used; or
- (b) the court is satisfied that the vehicle was at the relevant time a stolen vehicle or a vehicle illegally taken or used.

(2) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability of the actual offender except that where a penalty has been imposed on or recovered from a person in relation to any parking offence no further penalty shall be imposed on or recovered from any other person in relation thereto.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), no owner of a vehicle shall by virtue of this section be guilty of an offence if he —

- (a) within seven days after service on him of a notice alleging that he has been guilty of such offence, furnishes by statutory declaration to the Superintendent the name and address of the person who was in charge of the vehicle at all relevant times relating to the parking offence concerned;
- (b) satisfies the Superintendent that he did not know and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained such name and address; or
- (c) satisfies the court that he did not know and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained such name and address.

(4) A statutory declaration made under subsection (3) if produced in any proceedings against the person named therein and in respect of the parking offence