

# **State Lands (Amendment) Bill**

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#### **Bill No. 23/1980**

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An Act to amend the State Lands Act (Chapter 285 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 State Lands (Amendment) Act, 1980, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

#### **Amendment of section 4**

2. Section 4 of the State Lands Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as the principal Act) is amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following: —

“(1) Every grant or lease of State land issued under this Part shall be in the prescribed form and shall be signed by the Collector of Land Revenue.”.

#### **New section 4A**

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following section: —

##### **“Death of grantee or lessee**

**4A.**—(1) Where a grant or lease has been issued under this Act, or a certificate has been issued by the Collector of Land Revenue under section 8, 8A or 8B of the Land Titles Act (Cap. 276), to a person who, unknown to the Collector of Land Revenue, was not alive at the date of the issue of the grant or lease or Collector’s certificate and pursuant to the issue of such grant, lease or certificate the Registrar of Titles has issued a certificate of title to the deceased person —

- (a) an application may be made by the personal representative of the said deceased person to the Registrar of Titles to have the certificate of title duly amended and endorsed with the name of the said personal representative as the registered proprietor of the land comprised therein in place of the said deceased person; and
- (b) the Registrar of Titles, if he is satisfied that the personal representative has obtained a grant of probate of the will or letters of administration of the estate of the deceased person or has been vested with authority to act as such personal representative, as the case may be, shall make the appropriate amendment and endorsement on the certificate of title, and the State grant or lease affected, and thereupon section 98 of the Land Titles Act (Cap. 276) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “personal representative” includes —

- (a) an executor, whether original or by representation; or
- (b) an administrator; or
- (c) a trustee,

for the time being of the estate of a deceased person.”.

#### **New section 6A**

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section: —

##### **“Assignee bound by covenants in State grants or leases, etc.**

**6A.**—(1) An assignee of, or any person who becomes a proprietor of, any land in Singapore shall be bound by such exceptions, reservations or covenants (restrictive or otherwise) contained in the Crown grant or lease, or State grant or lease irrespective of whether he has notice (actual or constructive) of such exceptions, reservations or covenants.

(2) This section shall apply to all grants and leases issued before, on or after the commencement of the State Lands (Amendment) Act, 1980.”.

#### **Amendment of section 9**

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “form or to the effect of Schedule B” in subsection (3) and substituting the words “prescribed form”.