

Enlistment (Amendment) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the Enlistment Act (Chapter 229 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 Enlistment (Amendment) Act, 1978, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 12

2. Section 12 of the Enlistment Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Liability to render full-time service

12.—(1) Every person subject to this Act who is fit for national service and enlisted on or after the 1st day of January 1971, shall be liable to render full-time service for a period not exceeding two years except that where a person —

- (a) is during the period of service promoted to a rank above the rank of Lance-Corporal in the Singapore Armed Forces or, where such service is in any of the other armed forces or in a force, body or organisation, which is designated by the Minister for the purposes of national service, to such rank as may be regarded by the proper authority as equal to a rank above the rank of Lance-Corporal in the Singapore Armed Forces; or
- (b) holds, during the period of service in a force, body or organisation which is designated by the Minister for the purposes of national service and in which there is no classification of the members of the force, body or organisation into ranks similar to those in any of the armed forces, such position or has, during the period of service in such force, body or organisation, such status as may be regarded by the proper authority as equal to the position or status, as the case may be, of a national serviceman in the Singapore Armed Forces who holds a rank above the rank of Lance-Corporal in the Singapore Armed Forces; or
- (c) is, during the period of service selected by the proper authority for officer training in the Singapore Armed Forces or, where such service is in any of the other armed forces or in a force, body or organisation which is designated by the Minister for the purposes of national service, is selected for training or a course intended to qualify him for

such rank, position or status as may be regarded by the proper authority as equal to the rank, position or status, as the case may be, of an officer in the Singapore Armed Forces; or

- (d) having been so selected, is currently undergoing such officer training or other training or attending the course, such person shall be liable to serve for a period not exceeding two years and six months.

(2) A reduction or reversion in rank, or the loss of a position or status, referred to in subsection (1) of this section, shall not affect the liability of a person incurred under that subsection.

(3) Nothing in this section shall affect the liability to render full-time service of a person enlisted prior to the 1st day of January 1971.”.

Amendment of section 21

3. Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following subsection: —

“(2) The provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to an employer if the person whom he has had in his employment was called up for full-time service and would have remained in that employment only for an agreed definite or certain period of time had that person not been ordered to perform full-time service.”; and

- (b) by renumbering the existing subsections (2) and (3) thereof as subsections (3) and (4) respectively.

Amendment of section 22

4. Subsection (1) of section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the expression “section 114 of the Singapore Armed Forces Act, 1972,” appearing therein the expression “or unless such person is called up for full-time service and is employed only for an agreed definite or certain period of time,”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 24

5. Section 24 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Loss of salaries and wages