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An Act to amend the National Maritime Board Act, 1972 (No. 21 of 1972) and to make consequential amendments to 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 National Maritime Board (Amendment) Act, 1977, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 27**

2. Section 27 of the National Maritime Board Act, 1972 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

#### **“Maritime Welfare Fee**

27.—(1) In this section “vessel” has the same meaning as in the Merchant Shipping Act (Cap. 172).

(2) The owner, master or agent of every vessel which calls at the port of Singapore shall pay to the Board or any person authorised by the Board a Maritime Welfare Fee (hereinafter in this section referred to as the “fee”) according to the scale set out in the Schedule.

(3) This section shall not apply to —

- (a) any ship of war;
- (b) any ship belonging to or for the time being in the service or employment of the Government unless such vessel is carrying or habitually carries cargo or passengers for freight or fares; and
- (c) any ship or class of ships which has or have been exempted from the operation of this section by the Minister.

(4) The Board may, from time to time, with the approval of the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* amend the Schedule.

(5) A receipt for the fee shall be given to every person paying the fee, and every vessel in respect of which such receipt is not produced when demanded by an officer duly authorised by the Board in that behalf may be detained until such receipt is produced.

(6) All fees received by the Board shall be paid into the National Maritime Fund.”.

### **Amendment of Merchant Shipping Act**