

Singapore Labour Foundation Bill

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An Act to provide for the establishment of the Singapore Labour Foundation and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Singapore Labour Foundation Act, 1977, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Board of Directors constituted under subsection (1) of section 7;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board elected in accordance with subsection (3) of section 7;

“director” means a member of the Board of Directors referred to in subsection (1) of section 7;

“Foundation” means the Singapore Labour Foundation established under section 3;

“general meeting” means an annual general meeting or extraordinary general meeting of the Foundation;

“member” means a member of the Foundation;

“National Trades Union Congress” means the National Trades Union Congress registered under the Trade Unions Act (Cap. 129).

PART II

THE FOUNDATION AND THE BOARD

Establishment and incorporation of the Foundation

3. There is hereby established a body corporate, to be known as the “Singapore Labour Foundation”, which —

- (a) has perpetual succession;
- (b) shall have a common seal;
- (c) may sue and be sued in its corporate name;
- (d) may perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform; and
- (e) may exercise such powers as are conferred by, under or by virtue of, this Act.

Objects

4. The objects of the Foundation shall be to —

- (a) promote the welfare of the members of the trade union movement in Singapore and of the families of such members;
- (b) participate, aid and assist in social, economic or educational programmes and undertakings relating to the development of the trade union movement in Singapore;
- (c) provide bursaries, scholarships and fellowships for —
 - (i) children of members of trade unions affiliated to the National Trades Union Congress and of members of other organisations that are associate affiliates of the National Trades Union Congress;
 - (ii) workers from Singapore or elsewhere who pursue studies or undergo training in Singapore in fields that are relevant to trade unions; and
 - (iii) persons nominated by the National Trades Union Congress to pursue studies in institutions of higher learning in Singapore or elsewhere;
- (d) award fellowships and awards in institutions of higher learning for research in matters relating to the trade union movement;

- (e) establish and maintain industrial rehabilitation centres;
- (f) construct and maintain suitable premises for the use of trade unions and co-operative societies managed by trade unions in Singapore; and
- (g) assist by way of grants, donations or otherwise such charitable, educational or other work, object or endeavour in Singapore or elsewhere as the Board considers desirable in the interests of, or for the furtherance of, the trade union or co-operative movement in Singapore or elsewhere.

Powers

5. For the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Foundation, the Board may —

- (a) purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any real or personal property which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any of the objects of the Foundation;
- (b) sell, manage, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property of the Foundation;
- (c) receive any gift of whatsoever nature for one or more of the objects of the Foundation;
- (d) take such steps by personal or written appeals, public meetings or otherwise, as may, from time to time, be deemed necessary or expedient by the Board, to obtain funds for the Foundation in the shape of contributions, donations, annual subscriptions or otherwise, and generally raise funds by all lawful means to carry out the objects of the Foundation;
- (e) borrow money in such manner as the Board may think fit;
- (f) invest the monies of the Foundation not immediately required for its purposes in or upon such investments, securities or property as the Board may think fit, subject nevertheless to such conditions (if any) and such consents (if any) as may, for the time being, be imposed or required by law;
- (g) utilise the corpus and income of the Foundation in such manner as the Board may deem fit for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Foundation;
- (h) appoint one or more committees consisting of directors alone or any combination of directors and members (so long as there shall be, in the latter case, on each committee one director who shall be chairman of that committee) for any object, power or purpose set out in this Act (other than