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An Act to amend the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 211 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 Public Utilities (Amendment) Act, 1974 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 Public Utilities Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended by deleting the expression “section 46” appearing in the definition of “licence” therein and substituting therefor the expression “Parts V and VA”.

Amendment of section 19

3. Section 19 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “consumers” appearing in the sixth line of subsection (3) thereof the words “or for the conservation of electricity supplies or for such other reasons affecting the public interests”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (3) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(4) Where any person operates an electrical or supply installation without a licence issued under Part V of this Act the Board may forthwith cut off the supply of electricity to that electrical or supply installation.”;
- (c) by deleting the expression “or (3)” appearing in subsection (4) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “, (3) or (4)”;
- (d) by renumbering subsections (4), (5) and (6) thereof as subsections (5), (6) and (7) respectively.

Repeal and re-enactment of Part V

4. Part V of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“PART V

LICENSED ELECTRICAL AND SUPPLY INSTALLATIONS

Interpretation

45. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorised officer” means an officer authorised by the Board for the purposes of this Part;

“electrical installation” means any appliances, wires, fittings or other apparatus placed in, on, over or under any premises and used for or for purposes incidental to the conveyance, control, or use of electricity supplied or intended to be supplied by the Board or any other person, whether such appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus are or are not supplied by the person contracting or undertaking to instal the same, and includes additions, alterations, and repairs to an electrical installation, but does not include —

- (a) any electricity supply main or service line of the Board;
- (b) any appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus connected to and beyond any electrical outlet socket which is installed for the purpose of connecting portable electrical appliances, fittings or apparatus and at which fixed wiring terminates; or
- (c) any appliances, wires, fittings or apparatus which are placed in, on, over or under any premises owned or occupied by the Board which are not used for the consumption of electricity on such premises or solely for purposes incidental to the conveyance or control of electricity so consumed;

“electrical worker” means a person who is licensed as such under the Electrical Workers and Contractors Licensing Act, 1974;

“supply installation” means the whole of any plant or apparatus under one ownership or management, designed for the supply or use, or both supply and use, as the case may be, of electricity (other than electricity supplied or used for the transmission of any communication or signal)

including any machine supplying mechanical energy to a generator, with all necessary plant, buildings and land in connection therewith, pipelines, supply lines and consuming apparatus, if any.

Licence required for use of electrical or supply installation

46.—(1) No person shall —

- (a) use, work or operate or permit to be used, worked or operated any electrical or supply installation; or
- (b) supply to or for the use of any other person electricity from any electrical or supply installation,

except under and in accordance with the terms of a licence expressly authorising such use or supply, as the case may be.

(2) Such licence may be granted by the Board on payment of such fee, if any, as may be prescribed.

(3) A licence shall not be transferred without the consent of the Board.

(4) A licence shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and to such further conditions, if any, as may be imposed and endorsed on the licence by the Board.

(5) A licence may be for such period as the Board may approve.

(6) In every licence for the use of a supply installation there shall be set out —

- (a) the area of supply;
- (b) the declared voltage frequency and the variations permitted thereon;
- (c) the maximum charges payable by consumers; and
- (d) such other matters as the Board may consider desirable.

Supply lines and other apparatus on State land

47.—(1) Subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Lands and to such conditions as the Commissioner of Lands may impose, a licence for a supply installation may extend to authorising the licensee to lay, place or carry on, under or over State land to the extent and in the manner specified in the licence, such supply lines, and to erect and maintain in or upon State land such posts and other apparatus as may, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary or proper for the

purposes of the supply installation and, subject always to the approval of the Commissioner of Lands, such authorisation may be given or added to at any time during the currency of the licence by endorsement thereon.

(2) All apparatus placed in or upon State land which is not removed therefrom within six months, or such longer period as the Commissioner of Lands may permit, after the expiration or earlier determination of the licence under the authority of which the apparatus was so placed, shall vest in and become the property of the Government.

Licensing of electrical and supply installation

48.—(1) No electrical or supply installation shall be operated unless it is licensed under the provisions of this section.

(2) Every application for a licence to operate an electrical or supply installation shall be made to the Board in such form as the Board may direct.

(3) A licence shall be surrendered by the licensee to the Board for cancellation if the electrical or supply installation is no longer required to be used. Thereafter, if the licensee wishes to operate the electrical or supply installation again, it shall be treated in all respects as if it were a new electrical or supply installation.

(4) A licence may be suspended or revoked in accordance with regulations made under section 63 of this Act.

Exemptions

49. The Board may, by notification in the *Gazette*, exempt from all or any of the provisions of this Part —

- (a) any electrical or supply installations owned and operated by the Board, the Government or any statutory authority;
- (b) any electrical or supply installations used exclusively for domestic purposes;
- (c) such other electrical or supply installations as the Board may consider desirable.

Control by electrical worker

50.—(1) A licensee shall employ or appoint such class or classes of electrical workers as the Board may direct to operate or to be in charge of or to control any electrical or supply installation and no other person shall operate or be in charge of