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An Act to amend the State Lands Encroachments Act (Chapter 286 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 Encroachments (Amendment) Act, 1974 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 3

2. Section 3 of the State Lands Encroachments Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(2) In any action commenced under section 2 for the removal of any person in unlawful occupation of State land, the defendant may within such time as may be prescribed by the rules of the Supreme Court for the time being in force, apply to the High Court for the action to be transferred to the High Court on the ground that the defendant is claiming title to the land.

(3) On the hearing of any such application, the High Court, if it is satisfied that a bona fide claim of title is raised, may make an order for the action to be transferred to the High Court.”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “thereto” appearing at the end of subsection (1) thereof the expression “, and all movable property found thereon”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (3) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(4) The Government may forfeit any movable property which has been seized on the land pursuant to the execution of a warrant referred to in subsection (1) of this section if such movable property has been seized after the expiry of a period of twenty-eight days from the date of service of a written notice on the unlawful occupants of the land requiring them to vacate the land and warning