

Port of Singapore Authority (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 16th February 1973.

An Act to amend the Port of Singapore Authority Act (Chapter 173 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.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Port of Singapore Authority (Amendment) Act, 1973, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Port of Singapore Authority Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “dues” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““dues” includes port dues, light dues, goods dues, garbage removal dues and pilotage dues levied under this Act but does not include rates;”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “functions” appearing therein the following new definition: —

““garbage removal dues” means dues levied in respect of services provided by the Authority for the removal of refuse, waste or garbage from vessels;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “harbour craft” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““harbour craft” means any vessel which is used within the port for any purpose;”;

- (d) by inserting immediately after the definition of “harbour craft” appearing therein the following new definition: —

““light dues” means dues levied in respect of lights, beacons and other navigational aids maintained by the Authority;”;

- (e) by inserting immediately after the definition of “port” appearing therein the following new definition: —

““port dues” means dues levied in respect of a vessel for entering, using, leaving or plying in the port;”;

- (f) by deleting the definition of “vessel” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““vessel” includes any ship or boat or air cushioned vehicle or floating rig or platform used in any form of operations at sea or any other description of vessel;”.

Amendment of section 10

3. Section 10 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” appearing at the end of paragraph (c) thereof; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (d) thereof and substituting therefor the following new paragraphs: —
 - “(d) to provide and maintain adequate and efficient lighthouses, beacons, buoys and other navigational aids in the territorial waters of Singapore and the approaches thereto, at Petra Branco (Horsburgh), at Pulau Pisang and at such other places as the Authority may think fit;
 - (e) to disseminate navigational information;
 - (f) to provide, where expedient, a ferry service for the transportation of passengers, vehicles or goods within the territorial waters of Singapore; and
 - (g) to carry out such other duties as are imposed upon the Authority by this Act and any other written law.”.

Amendment of section 26

4. Subsection (3) of section 26 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the figures “59” appearing in the second line thereof and substituting therefor the figures “61”.

Amendment of section 36

5. Subsection (2) of section 36 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word “two” appearing in the last line thereof and substituting therefor the word “twelve”.

Amendment of section 37

6. Subsection (3) of section 37 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “shall” appearing in the seventeenth line thereof the expression “, unless otherwise agreed to by any person,”.

Amendment of section 39

7. Section 39 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the figures “35” appearing in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the figures “37”.

Repeal and re-enactment of sections 50 to 55

8. Sections 50 to 55 of the principal Act are hereby repealed and the following

substituted therefor: —

“Dues payable in respect of vessels

50. The owner or master of every vessel which enters, leaves, uses or plies within the port or calls at Singapore shall pay to the Authority such port, light and garbage removal dues as the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister and by notification in the *Gazette*, from time to time prescribe.

Pilotage dues

51.—(1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister and by notification in the *Gazette*, from time to time prescribe such pilotage dues as shall be paid to the Authority by the master or owner of every vessel which enters, leaves, uses or plies within the port.

(2) The pilotage dues payable under subsection (1) shall be paid in addition to the rates which the Authority may levy for providing the services of an Authority pilot on board a vessel.

Goods dues

52.—(1) The Authority may, with the approval of the Minister and by notification in the *Gazette*, levy such goods dues as are prescribed on goods brought into or taken out of such private wharf or premises (by any means of transportation) as may be specified in the notification.

(2) Such goods dues shall be paid by the owner or occupier of such wharf or premises.

Receipts

53. A receipt for port dues, light dues, pilotage dues, garbage removal dues or goods dues, as the case may be, shall be given to every person paying them, and any vessel in respect of which such receipt is not produced, when demanded by an officer duly authorised by the Authority in that behalf, may be detained until such receipt is produced.

Remission of dues

54.—(1) The Authority may, if it thinks fit, remit or waive the whole or any part of any dues paid or payable under this Act.

(2) The Authority may exempt, upon such conditions as it may prescribe, any vessel or classes of vessels from any dues payable under this Act.”.