

Commercial And Industrial Security Corporation Bill

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An Act to establish the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation and for purposes connected therewith, and to amend the Police Force Act (Chapter 78 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 Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation Act, 1972, 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 —

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Corporation;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police of Singapore;

“Corporation” means the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation established under this Act;

“member” means a member of the Corporation and includes the Chairman;

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs.

Establishment of Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation

3. There shall be established a body to be known as the Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and shall be capable of acquiring, holding and disposing of immovable and movable property, of suing and being sued and of doing and suffering all such acts and things as bodies corporate may lawfully do and suffer.

Members of the Corporation

4.—(1) The Corporation shall consist of a Chairman and such number of other members as the Minister may from time to time appoint:

Provided that the total number of members shall not be less than four nor more than nine.

(2) A member of the Corporation shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A member of the Corporation may at any time by notice in writing to the Minister resign his office.

- (4) If the Minister is satisfied that a member of the Corporation —
- (a) becomes a bankrupt or has made an arrangement with his creditors;
 - (b) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
 - (c) is convicted of an offence involving dishonesty or fraud or moral turpitude;
 - (d) is absent, without leave of the Corporation, for three consecutive meetings of the Corporation; or
 - (e) is in the opinion of the Minister otherwise unable or unfit to discharge his duties,

the Minister may declare his office as a member to be vacant and shall notify the fact in such manner as he thinks fit, and thereupon the office shall become vacant.

(5) A member of the Corporation who ceases to be a member shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(6) The Corporation shall pay to its members such salaries, fees or allowances as the Minister may determine.

Meetings and proceedings of Corporation

5.—(1) At all meetings of the Corporation four members present shall form a quorum.

(2) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Corporation at which he is present.

(3) In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting, the members present shall appoint one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(4) Meetings of the Corporation shall be held at such times and places as the Corporation may determine.

(5) A special meeting of the Corporation may at any time be convened by the Chairman.

(6) All questions arising at any meeting shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.

(7) At any meeting of the Corporation the Chairman shall have a deliberative vote and, in the case of an equality of votes, shall also have a casting vote.

(8) The validity of any proceedings of the Corporation shall not be affected by any vacancy amongst its members or by any defect in the appointment of any member.

(9) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Corporation may regulate its own

proceedings.

Disclosure of interest by members

6. A member of the Corporation who is in any way directly or indirectly interested in any transaction of the Corporation shall disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Corporation; and the disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the Corporation and the member shall not take any part in any deliberation of the Corporation with respect to that transaction.

Functions of the Corporation

7.—(1) The functions of the Corporation shall be —

- (a) to provide guards and escorts for the protection of persons and property;
- (b) to provide such other security services as the Corporation may determine; and
- (c) to co-operate as far as practicable and necessary with the Singapore Police Force in the performance of its functions under this Act.

(2) The Corporation shall have power for the purpose of discharging its functions —

- (a) to carry on all activities, the carrying on of which appears to the Corporation to be necessary, advantageous or convenient for or in connection with the discharge of its functions;
- (b) to enter into any contract;
- (c) to receive, in consideration of the services rendered by it, commissions, fees or payment;
- (d) to generally do all such matters and things as may be incidental to or consequential upon the exercise of the powers or the discharge of its functions under this Act.

Officers and employees

8. The Corporation may —

- (a) appoint such officers and employees as it considers necessary for the purposes of carrying out its functions; and
- (b) determine, with the approval of the Minister, terms and conditions of employment and scales of salaries for such officers and employees.

Appointment of General Manager