

Bus Services Licensing Authority Bill

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An act to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Omnibus Services Licensing Authority Ordinance, 1956 (No. 13 of 1956) and to repeal the Singapore Traction Ordinance (Chapter 111).

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 Bus Services Licensing Authority Act, 1970, 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 —

“the Authority” means the Bus Services Licensing Authority established under section 3 of this Act;

“bus” means a public service vehicle used for the conveyance of passengers on scheduled services and in which the passengers are charged separate and distinct fares;

“licensee” means a person to whom a bus service licence has been granted under this Act.

Establishment of Bus Services Licensing Authority

3.—(1) There shall be an Authority to be called the Bus Services Licensing Authority which shall consist of such persons, not exceeding six in number, as may be appointed by the Minister.

(2) Every person appointed under subsection (1) of this section shall hold office for the period specified in his appointment.

(3) The Minister shall appoint one of the persons appointed under subsection (1) of this section to be the Chairman of the Authority.

(4) If any vacancy occurs by death, resignation or otherwise the Minister may appoint a person to fill such vacancy and any person so appointed shall hold office for so long as the person in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(5) The Minister shall appoint a person to be Secretary of the Authority.

(6) Subject to the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder the Authority may regulate its own procedure.

(7) The Minister may at any time remove any person appointed under this section without assigning any reason therefor.

Directions by Minister

4. The Minister may from time to time give to the Authority such general directions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as he may think fit and the Authority shall comply with all such directions.

Bus service licences

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act the Authority may, in its discretion, grant to any person applying therefor a licence (in this Act referred to as a “bus service licence”) to provide a bus service upon the route or routes therein specified, and irrespectively of whether or not any such route or any part thereof is specified in any other bus service licence.

(2) A bus service licence shall be for a period not exceeding three years and the fee to be paid therefor by the person to whom any such licence is granted shall be in accordance with a scale of fees to be prescribed by the Minister.

(3) All fees received by the Authority under the provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(4) From and after the grant of a bus service licence under the provisions of this section no bus, other than the buses of a licensee, shall ply for hire along any route