

Enlistment Bill

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Explanatory Statement

Expenditure of Public Money

Enlistment Bill

Bill No. 17/1970

Read the first time on 7th May 1970.

An Act to provide for enlistment of persons in the armed forces of Singapore.

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 Enlistment Act, 1970, and shall come into operation

on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

PART I

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“annually” or “year” mean the period from the first day of April of each year to the last day of March of the following year;

“armed forces” means any force constituted under the provisions of the Singapore Army Act, 1965 (Act 13 of 1965), the People’s Defence Force Act, 1965 (Act 23 of 1965), the Police Force Ordinance, 1958 (Ord. 32 of 1958), or the Vigilante Corps Act, 1967 (Act 24 of 1967), and such other force as may be constituted under any written law;

“duty” includes training;

“employer” means any person who employs another person under a contract of service and includes the person who owns or is carrying on or is for the time being responsible for the management of a profession, business, trade or work in which other persons are employed;

“fitness examination” means any examination which is considered by the proper authority to be necessary for the purpose of determining the fitness of a person for service;

“full-time service” means service pursuant to section 12 of this Act;

“medical examination” includes a dental examination, blood test, X-ray examination and any other examination or test as a medical board may consider necessary;

“mobilized service” means service pursuant to section 16 of this Act;

“national service” means service under Part III of this Act in the armed forces and service in such other force, body or organisation as the Minister may designate for this purpose by notification in the *Gazette*;

“national serviceman” means a person in national service;

“permanent resident” means any person who is not subject to any restriction as to his period of residence imposed under the provisions of any written law relating to immigration for the time being in force in Singapore;

“person subject to this Act” means a person who is a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident thereof and who is not less than sixteen and a half years of

age and not more than forty years of age except that if a person —

- (a) is an officer of the armed forces; or
- (b) is skilled in an occupation which the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* designates as an occupation required to meet the needs of the armed forces,

such person shall be not more than fifty years of age;

“proper authority” means the Minister and any person appointed by him by name or by office for the purposes of the whole or any Part of this Act;

“registered medical practitioner” has the same meaning as in the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 191);

“regular service” means service pursuant to section 19 of this Act;

“regular serviceman” means a person in regular service;

“reserve service” means service pursuant to section 14 of this Act;

“service” means national service and regular service.

PART II

Persons required to register

3.—(1) The proper authority may from time to time by notice require a person subject to this Act to report for registration and for fitness examination for the purposes of service under this Act.

(2) A person required to report for registration and fitness examination under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall report to the proper authority at such date, time and place as may be specified in the notice and attend from day to day until duly registered and examined.

Registration

4.—(1) A person required to report for registration shall —

- (a) furnish such particulars about himself as may be prescribed;
- (b) submit for inspection to the proper authority such certificates or documents as may be prescribed;
- (c) carry on his person such certificate or document as may be issued by the proper authority and present such document or certificate on demand to the