

National Servicemen (Employment) Bill

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An Act to make provision for securing the employment of persons who have completed national service and for matters connected therewith.

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 National Servicemen (Employment) 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 —

“employee” includes any person seeking employment;

“employer” includes any person desiring to employ other persons;

“Register” means the Register established and maintained under section 4 of this Act;

“registered person” means a person whose name appears for the time being in the Register.

Appointment of Director and Assistant Directors

3.—(1) The Minister may appoint an officer to be styled the “Director of Employment” (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Director”), and may appoint such number of Assistant Directors of Employment as he may think fit.

(2) The Director shall have superintendence of all matters relating to this Act, subject

to the direction and control of the Minister.

(3) The Assistant Directors may perform all the duties imposed and exercise all the powers conferred on the Director by this Act.

(4) All appointments made under this section shall be published in the *Gazette*.

Register

4.—(1) The Director shall establish and maintain a Register of persons who have completed full-time national service under the National Service Ordinance, 1952 (M. Ord. 37 of 1952), or any other written law for the time being in force relating to national service or enlistment.

(2) The Register shall be maintained in such form, and entries therein, and alterations and removals of such entries, shall be made in such manner as the Minister may determine.

Powers of the Minister to make orders directing employment of registered persons

5.—(1) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, direct that, after such date as may be specified therein, an employer to whom such order applies shall not, except with the written consent of the Director, engage or re-engage any employee otherwise than from among registered persons.

(2) No order made under subsection (1) of this section shall apply to an employer who takes or offers to take into his employment at any time a person whom apart from that subsection it would have been his duty to take into employment either —

(a) by virtue of any written law; or

(b) by virtue of any agreement made before the coming into operation of this Act.

(3) An order made under subsection (1) of this section may be made so as to apply —

(a) either to all employers or to such employers or class of employers as may be specified in the order; and

(b) either to all employees or to such employees or class of employees as may be specified in the order,

and may provide that any directions contained in the order shall not apply in any specified circumstances.

(4) Any employer who contravenes the provisions of an order made under subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars, and in respect of each employee