

# **Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Bill**

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### **Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Bill**

#### **Bill No. 7/1969**

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An Act to penalize the possession, and restrict the importation, of drugs of certain kinds.

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 Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1969, 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 —

“dentist” means any person registered as a dentist in the first division of the Register of Dentists published under section 13 of the Registration of Dentists Ordinance (Cap. 197);

“medical practitioner” means any person registered as a medical practitioner under the Medical Registration Ordinance (Cap. 191);

“pharmacist” means any person registered as a pharmacist under the Registration of Pharmacists Ordinance (Cap. 198);

“scheduled substance” means any substance for the time being specified in the Schedule to this Act;

“veterinary surgeon” means any person who holds the diploma of membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons of England, or the diploma of a British or foreign veterinary institution or examining body approved by the Minister.

### Unauthorized possession of scheduled substances

3.—(1) Subject to any exemption which may be made by the Minister under section 10 of this Act and to the provisions of this section, any person who has in his possession a scheduled substance shall, unless —

- (a) it is in his possession by virtue of the issue of a prescription by a medical practitioner or a dentist for its administration by way of treatment to him, or to a person under his care; or
- (b) it is in his possession by virtue of the issue of a prescription by a veterinary surgeon for its administration by way of treatment to an animal under his care,

be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not be taken to prohibit the possession of a scheduled substance by a person of any of the following kinds, namely —

- (a) a medical practitioner;
- (b) a dentist;
- (c) a veterinary surgeon;
- (d) a pharmacist;
- (e) a person acting in accordance with the directions of a person of a kind specified in any of the preceding paragraphs;
- (f) a person appointed in a hospital, clinic, nursing home or other institution providing medical, surgical, dental or veterinary treatment to be in charge of drugs kept there for the purpose of the administration thereof to patients or animals by way of treatment;
- (g) a person in charge of a laboratory the recognized activities of which consist in, or include, the conduct of scientific education or research;
- (h) a Government or other approved analyst in charge of an analytical laboratory or persons acting under his direction;
- (i) any public officer acting in the course of his duty as such; or
- (j) a doctor or master of a foreign ship in port:

Provided that it is in his possession for the purpose of his acting in the capacity of a person of that kind.

(3) A person shall be deemed to be in possession of a scheduled substance if such