

# **Professional Engineers Bill**

## **Table of Contents**

**Bill No: 25/1969**

***Read the first time: 15th October 1969***

**Long Title**

**Enacting Formula**

### **Part I PRELIMINARY**

**1 Short title and commencement**

**2 Interpretation**

### **Part II PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS BOARD**

**3 Establishment of Professional Engineers Board**

**4 Common seal of the Board**

**5 Functions of the Board**

### **Part III REGISTRATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

**6 Register**

**7 Appointment and duties of Registrar**

**8 Qualifications for registration as professional engineers**

**9 Application for registration**

**10 Certificates of registration**

**11 Notification of change of address**

**Part IV CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, REMOVAL AND REINSTATEMENT**

**12 Cancellation of registration**

**13 Appeal against cancellation of registration**

**14 Suspension of professional engineer after inspection report of defective work**

**15 Removal from register**

**16 Reinstatement**

**Part V OFFENCES AND PENALTIES**

**17 Penalty for wilful falsification of register and for wrongfully procuring registration**

**18 Penalty when unregistered person practises as professional engineer**

**19 Employment of professional engineer on professional engineering work**

**Part VI GENERAL**

**20 Privileges and restrictions of professional engineers**

**21 Application of fees, etc., received by the Board**

**22 Rules**

**23 Exemption and saving as to right of Government**

**Explanatory Statement**

## **Expenditure of Public Money**

### **Professional Engineers Bill**

#### **Bill No. 25/1969**

*Read the first time on 15th October 1969.*

An Act to establish a Professional Engineers Board, make provision for the registration of professional engineers and for purposes connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows: —

#### **PART I**

#### **PRELIMINARY**

##### **Short title and commencement**

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Professional Engineers Act, 1969, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

##### **Interpretation**

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

“Board” means the Professional Engineers Board established under section 3 of this Act;

“member” means a member of the Board and includes the President of the Board;

“professional engineer” means a person who is engaged in professional engineering work;

“professional engineering work” includes any professional service, such as

consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design, or responsible supervision of construction or operation in connection with any public or privately owned public utilities, structures, buildings, machines, equipment, processes, works or projects wherein the public interest and welfare, or the safeguarding of life, public health or property is concerned or involved, when such professional service requires the application of engineering principles and data;

“registered” means registered under this Act, and cognate expressions shall be construed accordingly;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of the Board.

## PART II

### PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS BOARD

#### **Establishment of Professional Engineers Board**

3.—(1) There shall be a board to be called “the Professional Engineers Board” which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued.

(2) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a President appointed by the Minister;
- (b) eight members appointed by the Minister, of whom three shall be appointed on the nomination of the Council of the Institution of Engineers, Singapore; and
- (c) a member appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Board of Architects, Singapore.

(3) Not less than three members appointed under paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of this section shall be in private practice, and not more than three shall be representative of any particular branch of engineering.

(4) A member of the Board, including the President of the Board, shall be appointed for a term not exceeding three years but may from time to time be re-appointed, or may be at any time removed from office by the Minister.

(5) If any member of the Board dies, resigns, or is removed from office, the vacancy so created shall, as soon as practicable, be filled in the manner in which the appointment to the vacant office was made; and every person so appointed shall hold office for the

residue of the term for which his predecessor was appointed.

(6) The powers of the Board shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership thereof.

(7) At any meeting of the Board six members thereof shall form a quorum and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless a quorum is present.

(8) At any meeting of the Board the President of the Board shall preside and in his absence the members present shall elect one of their number to preside over the meeting.

(9) If on any question to be determined by the Board there is an equality of votes, the President of the Board or the member presiding over that meeting shall have a casting vote.

(10) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may determine its own procedure.

(11) The Board shall cause proper records of its proceedings to be kept.

### **Common seal of the Board**

4.—(1) The common seal of the Board shall bear such device as the Board may approve and such seal may from time to time be broken, changed, altered or made anew by the Board as it may think fit.

(2) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the President of the Board and shall be authenticated by the President of the Board or other member acting in the absence of the President of the Board and any document purporting to be sealed by the said seal and authenticated as aforesaid shall, until the contrary is proved, be deemed to be validly executed.

### **Functions of the Board**

5. The functions of the Board shall be —

- (a) to keep and maintain a register of professional engineers;
- (b) to approve or reject applications for registration under this Act or to approve any such applications subject to such restrictions as it may deem fit to impose;
- (c) to determine and regulate the professional conduct or ethics of the engineering profession;
- (d) to hear and determine disputes relating to professional conduct or ethics of professional engineers or to appoint a committee or arbitrator to hear and