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An Act to amend the National Service Ordinance, 1952, of Malaysia in its application to Singapore.

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

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the National Service (Amendment) Act, 1967.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the National Service Ordinance, 1952 (Malaysian Ord. 37 of 1952) (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Ordinance") is hereby amended —

- (*a*) by inserting immediately before the definition of "civil defence force" in subsection (1) thereof the following new definition:
 - "Armed Forces" means any force constituted under the provisions of the Singapore Army Act, 1965 (Act 13 of 1965), and includes the Peoples Defence Force constituted under the provisions of the Peoples Defence Force Act, 1965 (Act 23 Of 1965);
- (b) by inserting immediately after the words "police forces" appearing in the third line of the definition of "national service" in subsection (1) thereof the expression ", service in the vigilante corps"; and
- (c) by deleting the words "and of any proclamation made thereunder" appearing in subsection (2) thereof.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraphs (f), (h), (l) And (m) of subsection (1) thereof; and
- (a) by inserting immediately after subsection (3) thereof the following new subsection: —

"(4) if any person who is exempted under this section from liability to register under Part III of this Ordinance thereafter ceases to be so exempted, he shall on such cesser become liable to register for national service under this Ordinance.".

Repeal of section 4

4. Section 4 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Amendment of section 5

5. Subsection (1) of section 5 of the Ordinance is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

"(1) The Minister may, from time to time, by notice in the gazette, require by

reference to birth dates falling within a specified period or otherwise, persons or categories of persons who —

- (a) are citizens of Singapore (and ordinarily resident therein); and
- (b) have attained such age not being more than eighteen months below the minimum age for enlistment or enrolment under this ordinance,

to register for national service under this ordinance and for this purpose to present themselves for registration at such place or places, and at such time or times and to such authority as may be specified in the notice.".

Amendment of Section 6

6. Section 6 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the words "police forces" appearing in the third line of subsection (2) thereof the expression ", the vigilante corps"; and
- (b) by deleting the colon appearing at the end of the fifth line of subsection (6) thereof, and substituting therefor a full-stop, and by deleting the proviso thereto.

Amendment of section 7

7. Subsection (1) of section 7 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the expression "any proclamation made under section 4" appearing therein and substituting therefor the expression "any notice made by the Minister under section 5".

Amendment of section 9

8. Subsection (4) of section 9 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words "in any armed force or police force or for full-time service in any civil defence force" appearing therein.

Amendment of section 11

9. Section 11 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

"(1) The proper authority may cause to be served on any person who is liable to be called up for service in the armed forces a notice (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as "an enlistment notice") stating that he is called up for service in such one of the armed forces as may be specified and requiring him to present himself at such place and time (not earlier than the seventh day after the date of the service of the notice) and to such authority as may be so specified and every such notice shall state whether the service required of the person on whom it is served is full-time or part-time service.";

- (b) by deleting the expression "and the term or period for which he is enlisted in such force shall, notwithstanding anything in any other written law for the time being in force governing service in such force, be deemed to be from the day of such enlistment for a period of two years, or such shorter period as may be specified in the enlistment notice" appearing at the end of subsection (2) thereof; and
- (c) by deleting subsection (6) thereof.

Repeal of Part VA

10. Part VA of the Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Amendment of section 13

- 11. Section 13 of the Ordinance is hereby amended
 - (a) by deleting the word "written" appearing in the third line of subsection (1) thereof;
 - (b) by inserting immediately after the word "specified" appearing at the end of subsection (1) thereof the words "and every such notice shall state whether the service required of the person on whom it is served is full-time or part-time service";
 - (c) by deleting the expression ", and the term or period for which he is enrolled in such force shall, notwithstanding anything in any other written law for the time being in force governing service in such force, be deemed to be from the day of such enrolment for a period of two years, or such shorter period as may be specified in the police enrolment notice" appearing at the end of subsection (2) thereof; and
 - (d) by deleting subsection (6) thereof.

New Part VIA

12. The Ordinance is hereby amended by inserting immediately after Part VI thereof the following new Part: —