

Vigilante Corps Bill

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Read the first time on 29th June 1967.

An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the Vigilante Corps and for purposes 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 Vigilante Corps Act, 1967, 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 —

“Commandant” means the officer appointed by the Minister under section 6 of this Act;

“Commanding Officer” means the Deputy Commissioner of Police, the Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police and an Assistant Commissioner of Police, the Commandant of the Police Training School and any police officer lawfully acting in any of these appointments;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Police of Singapore;

“Corps” means the Vigilante Corps established by this Act;

“member of the Corps” means any person of any rank in the Corps;

“officer” means any member of the Corps not less than the rank of Assistant Unit Leader;

“subordinate officer” means a member of the Corps below the rank of Assistant Unit Leader;

“Police Force” means the Singapore Police Force established by the Police Force Ordinance, 1958 (Ord. 32 of 1958).

Raising and maintenance of Vigilante Corps

3. There shall be raised and maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Act

and of the regulations made thereunder a Corps to be known as the “Vigilante Corps”.

Composition of the Corps

4. The Corps shall consist of —

- (a) persons who have been called up for national service in the Corps under the provisions of any written law for the time being in force relating to national service; and
- (b) volunteers who have been enrolled in the Corps by the Commandant.

Functions of the Corps

5. The Corps shall —

- (a) assist the Police Force in the maintenance of law and order, the preservation of public peace, the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension of offenders; and
- (b) perform such other functions and duties as may be assigned to the Corps by the Minister.

Appointment of Commandant

6. The Minister may appoint a Commandant of the Corps who shall, subject to the general direction and control of the Commissioner, be responsible for the command, administration, discipline, training and welfare of the Corps.

Affiliation to the Police Force

7.—(1) The Corps shall be affiliated to the Police Force but members of the Corps shall not be police officers within the meaning of the Police Force Ordinance, 1958 (Ord. 32 of 1958).

(2) The Commissioner may second any member of the Police Force for full-time or part-time service in the Corps.

Corps to consist of units

8. The Corps shall consist of such units and divisions as may from time to time be approved by the Minister.

Power to disband Corps

9. The Minister may, whenever it seems to him expedient to do so, disband or discontinue the service of the Corps or any part thereof.

Oath or affirmation

10.—(1) Every member of the Corps shall take an oath or affirmation in the form set out in the Schedule to this Act before the Commandant or such person as may be authorised by him.

(2) Any member of the Corps who refuses to take such oath or affirmation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Certificate

11. A certificate shall be issued to every member of the Corps and shall be evidence of his appointment under this Act.

Resignation and discharge from Corps

12.—(1) Any member of the Corps, who is enrolled as a volunteer and has not been called out for mobilized service under section 13 of this Act, may resign by giving to the Commandant fourteen days' notice in writing of his intention to do so.

(2) The Commandant may discharge any member of the Corps where he is of the opinion that such member is not likely to become or remain useful in the Corps.

Mobilization

13.—(1) The President may by proclamation published in the *Gazette* declare for the purposes of this Act that a state of emergency exists in Singapore.

(2) When a state of emergency has been declared under subsection (1) of this section, the Minister may, by order, call out all or any part of the Corps for mobilized service.

(3) Every member of the Corps so called out shall report for mobilization at such time and place as the Commandant may appoint.

(4) Every member of the Corps called out under the provisions of this section shall remain so called out until he is released from mobilized service by the Commandant with the approval of the Minister.

Delivery of Government property on leaving the Corps

14.—(1) Every member of the Corps who, by resignation, dismissal, discharge or otherwise leaves the Corps, shall before leaving deliver up in good order (fair wear and tear only excepted) any arms, ammunition, accoutrement, uniform or other article supplied to him and any other property belonging to the Government which may be in his