

Tourist Promotion Board Ordinance

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An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of the Tourist Promotion Board and of the Tourist Promotion Fund and for matters connected therewith.

Be it enacted by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Singapore, as follows: —

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Ordinance may be cited as the Tourist Promotion Board Ordinance, 1963, 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 Ordinance.

Interpretation

2. In this Ordinance —

“Board” means the Tourist Promotion Board established under section 3 of this Ordinance;

“financial year” means a period of twelve months beginning on the 1st day of January, except that the period between the establishment of the Board and the 31st day of December 1964, inclusive, shall be deemed to be a financial year;

“tourist hotel” means any premises registered as a hotel under the provisions of the Hotels Ordinance, 1954 (Ord. 24 of 1954), which are declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, to be a tourist hotel;

“tourist enterprise” means any business which provides national or international carriage for passengers; any business which, either wholly or in part, provides or arranges the provision of services for visitors to Singapore, by way of transport, accommodation, tours or guides, whether or not such services are provided within Singapore; any business which, either wholly or in part, retails goods for sale to visitors to Singapore; or any association of such businesses; and includes any exhibition, show, fair, publicity campaign or other undertaking intended wholly or in part for the benefit of, or for the purpose of attracting visitors to Singapore.

Establishment of the Tourist Promotion Board

3.—(1) There shall be established in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance a body to be called the “Tourist Promotion Board”.

(2) The Board shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal with power, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, to acquire and dispose of property, both movable and immovable, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

Chairman of the Board

4. The Minister shall appoint a Chairman of the Board (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the “Chairman”) who shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, hold

office for such period and on such terms as the Minister may determine.

Constitution of the Board

5.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) the Chairman;
- (b) the Director of the Board appointed under section 7 of this Ordinance;
- (c) a person to be appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Economic Development Board established by the Economic Development Board Ordinance, 1961 (Ord. 21 of 1961);
- (d) a person to be appointed by the Minister on the nomination of the Committee of the Singapore Tourist Association;
- (e) a public officer to be appointed by the Minister; and
- (f) four other members to be appointed by the Minister to represent tourist enterprises.

(2) The members of the Board appointed by the Minister under the provisions of paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of this section shall, unless their appointment is revoked by the Minister under the provisions of subsection (6) of this section, or unless they resign during their period of office, hold office for a term of three years or for such shorter period as the Minister may in any case determine.

(3) The Minister may appoint a member of the Board to be Deputy Chairman of the Board. The Deputy Chairman may preside at meetings of the Board in the absence of the Chairman.

(4) A member of the Board shall not, in any meeting of the Board, participate in any discussion relating to, and shall not vote in respect of, any contract, business or other matter in which he is interested, and if he shall do so his vote shall not be counted.

(5) The members of the Board shall be paid out of the funds of the Board such salaries, fees or allowances as the Minister may determine.

(6) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of the Chairman or of any other member of the Board.

Directions by the Minister

6.—(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Board or otherwise, give to the Board such directions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, as he may deem fit, as to the exercise and performance by the Board of its powers, duties and functions under this Ordinance, and the Board shall give effect to all such directions.

(2) The Board shall furnish the Minister with such information with respect to its property and activities as he may from time to time require.

Director of the Board

7.—(1) The Board shall, with the approval of the Minister, appoint a Director of the Board who shall perform such duties as the Board may entrust or delegate to him:

Provided that the first Director of the Board shall be appointed by the Minister.

(2) If the Director of the Board is temporarily absent from Singapore or temporarily incapacitated through illness or for any other sufficient reason from the performance of his duties, another person may be appointed in the manner provided by subsection (1) of this section to be the Director of the Board during such temporary absence or other incapacity.

Appointment of officers and servants

8.—(1) The Board may from time to time appoint and employ such officers and servants as may be necessary for the purposes of this Ordinance and may from time to time dismiss them.

(2) All officers and servants of the Board shall be under the administrative control of the Board.

Ineligibility for employment as officers of the Board

9.—(1) No person shall be eligible for employment as an officer or servant of the Board who has, directly or indirectly, by himself or his partner, any share or interest in any contract with, for or on behalf of the Board.

(2) Any officer or servant of the Board who has or acquires any such share or interest shall be liable in the discretion of the Board to summary dismissal without notice.

Payments to the Board

10. For the purpose of enabling the Board to carry out its functions under this Ordinance, the Minister may, from time to time, authorise the payment to the Board of such sums as he may determine.

Imposition of a cess on rooms in tourist hotels

11.—(1) There shall be levied and paid, at the end of each month, in respect of every room or suite occupied each day in every tourist hotel, a cess at the rate set out in the Schedule to this Ordinance.