

Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance

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An Ordinance to amend the Police Force Ordinance, 1958 (*No. 32 of 1958*) and to repeal Part XV of the Ports Ordinance (*Chapter 208 of the Revised Edition*).

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

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Police Force (Amendment) Ordinance, 1961.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Police Force Ordinance, 1958 (hereinafter in this Ordinance referred to as the “principal Ordinance”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of “arm” appearing therein the following new definitions: —

“ “Auxiliary Police Force” means any force created under the provisions of Part VIII B of this Ordinance;

“auxiliary police officer” means a person appointed as such under the provisions of Part VIII B of this Ordinance;”;

- (b) by deleting the expression “, the Superintendent of the Singapore Harbour Board Police Force,” appearing in the fifth and sixth lines of the definition

of “commanding officer” therein;

- (c) by inserting immediately after the definition of “gazetted officer” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “guard and escort officer” means a member of the Guard and Escort Unit constituted under Part VIIIA of this Ordinance;”;

- (d) by inserting immediately after the word “Ordinance” appearing in the second line of the definition of “Police Force” therein the words “and called the *Polis Negara Singapura*”; and
- (e) by inserting immediately after the word “constable” appearing in the second line of the definition of “police officer” therein the words “and a guard and escort officer”.

Amendment of section 20

3. Section 20 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the expression “time,” appearing in the first line of subsection (1) thereof the expression “with the consent of the Minister,”; and
- (b) by deleting the expression “subsection (1) or subsection (3) of” appearing in the first and second lines of subsection (4) thereof.

Amendment of section 21

4. Subsection (2) of section 21 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended; —

- (a) by deleting the colon appearing at the end of paragraph (c) thereof and substituting therefor a full-stop; and
- (b) by deleting both the provisos thereto.

Amendment of section 27

5. Section 27 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Police Regulations” appearing in the third line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “him”;
- (b) by deleting all the words and commas appearing in the last five lines of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “and in lieu of or in addition to any of the aforesaid punishments, may impose a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or forfeiture of not more than one

month's pay, except in the case of absence without leave or good cause when, in addition to any other punishment, forfeiture of pay may be imposed in respect of the period of absence or such lesser period as to the commanding officer may seem fit”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) Where any officer authorized by a commanding officer to conduct disciplinary proceedings finds any subordinate officer guilty of any of the offences specified in subsection (1) of this section, he may impose on such subordinate officer any of the punishments which a commanding officer may impose other than that of dismissal or retirement from the Police Force.”; and

- (d) by renumbering the existing subsections (2) and (3) thereof as subsections (3) and (4) respectively.

Amendment of section 28

6. Subsection (1) of section 28 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “other punishment” appearing in the sixteenth line thereof and substituting therefor the words “of the aforesaid punishments”.

Amendment of section 29

7. Section 29 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(2) Notwithstanding any regulations governing the discipline of special police officers made under the provisions of this Ordinance, a special police officer may be prosecuted in court for any of the offences specified in subsection (1) of section 27 of this Ordinance and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term which may extend to three months or to both such fine and imprisonment.”;

- (b) by renumbering the existing subsection (2) thereof as subsection (3); and
- (c) by deleting the words “such prosecution” appearing in the first line of subsection (3) thereof and substituting therefor the words “prosecution under this section”.

Amendment of section 30

8. Section 30 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “which may extend to” appearing in the penultimate line thereof and substituting therefor the words “not exceeding”.

Amendment of section 40

9. Subsection (1) of section 40 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the expression “, subject when in the Federation of Malaya” appearing in the third and fourth lines thereof and substituting therefor the expression “: Provided that when in the Federation of Malaya they shall be subject”.

Amendment of section 50

10. Subsection (4) of section 50 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the words “such property as consists of” appearing in the third line thereof.

Amendment of section 59

11. Section 59 of the principal Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the expression “British subject or British protected person,” appearing in the second line of the proviso thereto.

New Parts VIIIA and VIIIB

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

“PART VIIIA

GUARD AND ESCORT UNIT

Constitution of Guard and Escort Unit

68A. There shall be constituted in Singapore a force to be known as the Guard and Escort Unit which shall consist of such members of gazetted officers, inspectors and subordinate officers as the Minister may from time to time decide.

Appointments, promotions and dismissals

68B. The gazetted officers and inspectors of the Guard and Escort Unit shall be appointed, promoted or dismissed by the Yang di-Pertuan Negara, and the subordinate officers shall be appointed, promoted, reduced in rank or in grade or dismissed or discharged by the Commissioner.

Duties