

**Broadcasting and Television Act
(CHAPTER 28)**

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BROADCASTING AND TELEVISION ACT

(CHAPTER 28)

(Original Enactment: Act 16 of 1963)

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An Act to provide for the control of broadcasting and television services and for matters connected therewith.

[3rd August 1963]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Broadcasting and Television Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act —

“broadcasting apparatus” means any apparatus capable of or designed or constructed for the transmission or reception of broadcast matter by radio waves, wire or cable;

“broadcast matter” means any signs or signals transmitted by a broadcasting station, whether for aural or visual reception or both, and includes any music, theatrical or other entertainment, concert, lecture, speech, address, news and information of any kind so transmitted;

“broadcasting station” means a station which transmits broadcast matter by radio waves, wire or cable for reception by the general public;

“radio waves” means electromagnetic waves of frequencies lower than 3,000 gigacycles per second propagated in space without artificial guide;

“regulations” means regulations made under this Act;

“wire” or “cable” means any wire or cable used for the purpose of transmitting or receiving broadcast matter with any casing, coating, tube or pipe enclosing the same, and any appliances and apparatus connected therewith for the purpose of fixing or insulating the same.

Minister may delegate his powers

3.—(1) The Minister may delegate all or any of his powers under this Act, except the power to make regulations, to such officer or officers as he thinks fit, and may appoint officers for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.

(2) All such officers shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code [Cap. 224].

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* The former sections 3 and 4 were repealed by Act 33 of 1979.

Licensing of broadcasting station

4.—(1) No person shall establish any broadcasting station in Singapore except under or in accordance with a licence granted under this Act.

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(2) Every such licence shall be in such form and for such period and may contain such terms and conditions as the Minister may determine.

(3) In granting a licence under this Act, the Minister may require the licensee to pay a premium for the issue of the licence or such annual fee as the Minister may determine.

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Penalties

5. Any person who establishes a broadcasting station without a licence shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months.

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Power of search

6.—(1) Any officer, being generally authorised, or being specially authorised in writing, in that behalf by the Minister, may at any reasonable hour enter and search any broadcasting station, ship, aircraft, vehicle or place where such officer has reasonable cause to believe that an offence under this Act or the regulations has been or is being committed.

(2) Any person who refuses such officer access to such broadcasting station, ship, aircraft, vehicle or place or otherwise obstructs or hinders him in effecting an entrance thereto shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 months or to both.

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Non-compliance with this Act, etc.