

**Emergency (Essential Powers) Act
(CHAPTER 90)**

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**EMERGENCY (ESSENTIAL POWERS) ACT
(CHAPTER 90)**

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An Act to confer certain powers on the President which it is expedient that he should be enabled to exercise in the emergency proclaimed on 3rd September 1964 under Article 150 of the Constitution of Malaysia.

[18th September 1964]

WHEREAS by reason of the existence of a grave emergency threatening the security of the Federation, a Proclamation of Emergency [L.N. 271/64] has been issued by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong under Article 150 of the Constitution:

AND WHEREAS Parliament by reason of the emergency considers it necessary for securing public safety, the defence of the Federation, the maintenance of public order and of supplies and services essential to the life of the community, that powers be conferred on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong to make such regulations as appear to him to be necessary:

¹AND WHEREAS it is hereby declared that this Act appears to Parliament to be required by reason of the emergency:

¹ *Note: This is a Malaysian Act which was extended to Singapore when Singapore was a constituent part of Malaysia. It should be read together with the provisions of the Republic of Singapore Independence Act — see Vol. 1.*

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to clause (6) of Article 150 of the Federal Constitution BE IT ENACTED by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Ra'ayat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Emergency (Essential Powers) Act.

Essential regulations

2.—(1) Subject to this section, the President may make any regulations (referred to in this Act as essential regulations) which he considers desirable or expedient for securing the public safety, the defence of Singapore, the maintenance of public order and of supplies and services essential to the life of the community.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of the powers conferred by subsection (1), essential regulations may, so far as appear to the President to be necessary or expedient for any of the purposes mentioned in that subsection —

- (a) make provision for the apprehension, trial and punishment of persons offending against the regulations, and for detention of persons whose