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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 21 March 2023 and assented to by the President on 3 April 2023:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 13 of 2023.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
3 April 2023.

(LS)

An Act to amend the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act is the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2023.

(2) Section 2 comes into operation on a date that the President appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Article 9

2. Article 9(6) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore (called in this Act the Constitution) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “drugs” in paragraph (b), the words “, psychoactive substances”.

Amendment of Article 46

3. Article 46 of the Constitution is amended by deleting the word “leave” wherever it appears in clauses (4) and (6)(b) and substituting in each case the word “permission”.

Amendment of Article 148C

4. Article 148C of the Constitution is amended by inserting, immediately after clause (4), the following clauses:

“(5) The Minister responsible for finance may withdraw any sum from —

(a) a Contingencies Fund for the Consolidated Fund with a view to transferring the sum to the Consolidated Fund; or

(b) a Contingencies Fund for the Development Fund with a view to transferring the sum to the Development Fund,

being a sum in the Contingencies Fund concerned which the Minister, after proper inquiry, is satisfied to be in excess of what is likely necessary to meet an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure from that Contingencies Fund.

(6) The Minister responsible for finance must present to Parliament a report of every transfer under clause (5) as soon as practicable after the transfer is made.”
