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LOCAL FORCES (CIVIL LIABILITY) ACT

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Local Forces (Civil Liability) Act

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An Act to enable payments in addition to pay and allowances to be paid to members of local forces or their dependants for the relief of financial hardship arising in consequence of their service with such forces.

[20th March 1964]

1. This Act may be cited as the Local Forces (Civil Liability) Act. Short title.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — Inter-pretation.
 “local force” means any force specified in the Schedule;
 “Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for defence.

3.—(1) This Act shall apply to any member of a local force who is called out for actual service, active service or full-time service under the provisions of any written law relating to that force, but only from such date as the Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* appoint; and the Minister may appoint different dates in respect of different local forces. Application.

(2) The Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* declare that this Act shall cease to apply to members of any local force specified in the declaration from and after such date as may be appointed therein, but the declaration shall be without prejudice to any right of relief arising out of the service of those members before that date.

Payment of relief in cases of hardship arising from service.

4.—(1) Any person to whom this Act applies shall be entitled in accordance with rules made under section 5 to relief in respect of financial hardship suffered by him or his wife or children or other dependants and arising out of his service.

(2) For the purposes of this section, “service” means actual service, active service or full-time service in a local force on and after the date appointed under section 3 (1).

Power to make rules.

5.—(1) The Minister may make rules regulating the application for the grant and the payment of relief under the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) such rules may prescribe —

- (a) the manner in which any application for relief may be made, the form of the application and the persons by whom the applications may be made;
- (b) the circumstances in which and the conditions under which the relief may be granted;
- (c) the amount of such relief and the principles to be followed in determining the amount;
- (d) the persons or tribunals by whom the applications may be heard and determined;
- (e) the procedure to be followed by those persons or tribunals and all matters relating thereto;
- (f) such other matters as may be necessary or expedient for carrying this Act into effect.

(3) Every such rule shall as soon as possible after the making thereof be presented to Parliament and if at the next meeting of Parliament after the order is presented to it a resolution is passed annulling the rule or any part thereof the whole rule or such part thereof, as the case may be, shall thenceforth be void but without prejudice to the validity of anything done thereunder.

6. The Minister may by notification in the *Gazette* from time to time as he may think fit add to or delete from the list of local forces specified in the Schedule. Variation of Schedule.

7. The powers conferred upon the Minister by sections 3, 5 and 6 shall not be exercised so as to affect any civil defence force or service established under the Civil Defence Act, or any member of any such force or service, without previous consultation with the Minister charged with the responsibility for civil defence. Consultation by Minister.
Cap. 42.

THE SCHEDULE

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LOCAL FORCES

1. The Singapore Armed Forces raised and maintained under section 7 of the Singapore Armed Forces Act. Cap. 295.

2. The civil defence forces and services constituted under the Civil Defence Act. Cap. 42.

3. The Special Constabulary constituted under section 59 of the Police Force Act. Cap. 235.

4. The Vigilante Corps raised and maintained under section 3 of the Vigilante Corps Act. Cap. 343.