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CIVIL DEFENCE SHELTER ACT 1997

(No. 12 of 1997)

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No. 12 of 1997.

I assent.



ONG TENG CHEONG

President

15th October 1997.

An Act to require new houses and flats and new buildings which are subdivided into flats to be provided with civil defence shelters for use during a state of emergency, to empower the Commissioner of the Singapore Civil Defence Force to require civil defence shelters to be provided in new buildings owned by statutory boards and to designate any part of any building as acivil defence shelter, for use by persons needing to take refuge therein during a state of emergency, to regulate the use of civil defence shelters and to provide for matters connected therewith, and to make a consequential amendment to the Building Control Act (Chapter 29 of the 1990 Revised Edition).

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

- 1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Civil Defence Shelter Act 1997 and, with the exception of Parts IV and V, shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.
- (2) Parts IV and V shall not come into operation except at the time and for the duration and in the manner hereinafter provided.
 - (3) Whenever it appears to the Minister that
 - (a) a Proclamation of Emergency by the President under Article 150 of the Constitution or a declaration of a state of civil defence emergency by the Minister under Part XII of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42) is imminent; and
 - (b) it is necessary or expedient to do so for the securing of public safety,

the Minister may by order direct that all or any of the provisions of Parts IV and V shall come into operation and the provisions of those Parts specified in the order shall come into operation and remain in operation for such period as may be specified in the order.

(4) An order made under subsection (3) shall not be in force for a period exceeding 7 days from the commencement of the order unless it has been made with the approval of the President.

Interpretation

- **2.**—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "authorised person" means any person authorised by the Commissioner in writing in accordance with this Act to carry out any duty or exercise any power under this Act or the regulations;
 - "building" means any permanent building or tenement and includes
 - (a) any structure or erection of whatever kind or nature; and

- (b) any building to be erected within a stratum shown or specified any strata subdivision plan submitted for approval under the Land Titles (Strata) Act (Cap. 158);
- "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of the Singapore Civil Defence Force appointed under section 6 of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42);
- "competent authority" means the competent authority appointed under section 3 of the Planning Act (Cap. 232);
- "flat" means a horizontal stratum of a building or part thereof, whether such stratum is on one or more levels or is partially or wholly below the surface of the ground, which is wholly and principally constructed, adapted or intended to be used as a complete and separate unit for private dwelling, but does not include any part of any building which is constructed, adapted or intended to be used as a hotel, hostel, dormitory or nursing home or for such other purposesas may be prescribed;
- "Force" has the same meaning as in the Civil Defence Act;
- "house" means a building or any part thereof which is wholly and principallyconstructed, adapted or intended to be used for private dwelling, but does not include a flat or any building or part thereof whichis constructed, adapted or intended to be used as a hotel, hostel, dormitory or nursing home or for such other purposes as may be prescribed;
- "household shelter" means a shelter in a house or flat for the use, primarily, of the occupants of that house or flat and of persons ordinarily frequenting that house or flat, during a state of emergency;
- "improvised shelter" means any building or part thereof which has been designated by the Commissioner under section 7 as a shelter for the use of any person needing to take refuge therein during a state of emergency;
- "new building" means a building
 - (a) which is constructed on vacant land or in place of a building which has been demolished; and

(b) the plans in respect of which are submitted to or lodged with the competent authority under the Planning Act (Cap. 232) on or after the commencement of this Act;

"new flat" means a flat comprised in a new building;

"new house" means a house —

- (a) which is constructed on vacant land or in place of a building which has been demolished; and
- (b) the plans in respect of which are submitted to or lodged with the competent authority under the Planning Act on or after the commencement of this Act;

"non-residential building" means a building which is wholly or principally constructed, adapted or intended to be used for any purpose other than for private dwelling;

"occupier" —

- (a) in relation to any building, means the person in occupation of such building or having the charge, management or control thereof; and
- (b) in relation to any part of any building different parts of which are occupied by different persons, means the person in occupation or having the charge, management or control of that part,

whether on his own account or as agent of another person;

"owner" —

(a) in relation to any building or part thereof, includes any mortgagee in possession and any person for the time being receiving the rent of the building or part thereof whether on his own account or as agent or trustee or as receiver, or who would receive the same if the building or part thereof were let to a tenant, and any person whose name is entered in the Valuation List authenticated under section 15 of the Property Tax Act (Cap. 254) as the owner of the building or part thereof;

- (b) in relation to the common property of any building erected on land comprised in a strata subdivision plan approved by the competent authority, means the management corporation having control of the building; and
- (c) in relation to the common property of any building comprising flats sold under Part IV of the Housing and Development Act (Cap.129), means the Town Council which is liable for the maintenance and management of such common property;
- "public shelter" means a shelter in any building or part thereof for the use of any person needing to take refuge therein during a state of emergency;
- "regulations" means regulations made under section 28;
- "shelter" means any part of any building which has been constructed or adapted in accordance with the specifications as a shelter in which a person may take refuge during a state of emergency, and includes a household shelter, a storey shelter, a public shelter and an improvised shelter;

"specifications" —

- (a) means the specifications, technical codes and standards issued by the Commissioner under section 14; and
- (b) in relation to any building, house or flat in respect of which the Commissioner has modified the requirements of any of the specifications, means the specifications as so modified;
- "state of emergency" means the period when there is in force
 - (a) a Proclamation of Emergency issued by the President under Article 150 of the Constitution; or
 - (b) a declaration of a state of civil defence emergency made by the Minister under Part XII of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42);
- "storey shelter" means a shelter located on any storey of a building which is subdivided into flats for the use, primarily,

of the occupants of, and of persons ordinarily frequenting, the flats on that storey of the building.

- (2) Any household shelter or storey shelter which has been provided in any house, flat or building, as the case may be, before the commencement of this Act with the approval of the Commissioner shall be deemed to be a household shelter or storey shelter provided under this Act.
- (3) The public shelters specified in the Schedule and any other public shelter which has been provided in any building before the commencement of this Act with the approval of the Commissioner shall be deemed to be public shelters provided under this Act.

PART II

HOUSEHOLD AND STOREY SHELTERS

Provision of household and storey shelters

- **3.**—(1) Every new house must be provided with a household shelter in accordance with the specifications.
- (2) Every new building which is to be subdivided into flats must be provided with
 - (a) a household shelter in accordance with the specifications in every flat in that building; or
 - (b) in lieu of a household shelter being provided in every flat on any storey of the building, at least one storey shelter in accordance with the specifications on that storey of the building.

Duties in relation to household and storey shelters

- **4.**—(1) Where
 - (a) any house or flat is provided with a household shelter under this Act; or
 - (b) any part of any building consists of a storey shelter provided under this Act,

the owner or occupier of such house, flat, building or part thereof —

- (i) shall not carry out therein, or permit another person to carry out therein, any repair or alteration, or anything else, which is likely to damage or otherwise impair the efficient use of the household or storey shelter as such, except with the written permission of the Commissioner and subject to such conditions as the Commissioner thinks fit;
- (ii) shall maintain the household or storey shelter in accordancewith the regulations and such other directions as the Commissionermay give from time to time; and
- (iii) shall carry out such works for the maintenance, alteration orimprovement of the household or storey shelter or for the installation of any equipment therein as the Commissioner may, from time to time, by writing require.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall be guiltyof an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding\$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a furtherfine not exceeding \$250 for every day or part thereof duringwhich the offence continues after conviction.

PART III

PUBLIC SHELTERS

Provision of public shelters in non-residentialbuildings owned by statutory boards

5. The Commissioner may require any statutory board to provide apublic shelter in accordance with the specifications in any newnon-residential building which is owned by the statutory board andthe statutory board shall comply with the Commissioner's requirement.

Duties in relation to public shelters

6.—(1) Where any part of a building consists of a public shelter providedunder this Act, the owner or occupier of such building or part thereof —

- (a) shall not carry out therein, or permit another person to carryout therein, any repair or alteration, or anything else, which islikely to damage or otherwise impair the efficient use of the publicshelter as such, except with the written permission of the Commissionerand subject to such conditions as the Commissioner thinks fit;
- (b) shall maintain the public shelter in accordance with the regulations and such other directions as the Commissioner may give from timeto time; and
- (c) shall carry out such works for the maintenance, alteration orimprovement of the public shelter or for the installation of anyequipment therein as the Commissioner may, from time to time, bywriting require.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall be guiltyof an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding\$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 monthsor to both and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a furtherfine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof duringwhich the offence continues after conviction.

PART IV

IMPROVISED SHELTERS

Commissioner may designate part ofbuilding as improvised shelter

- 7.—(1) If, during the period in which this Part is in operation, the Commissioner is satisfied that any part of any building is suitable for use as a shelter, he may designate such part of the building an improvised shelter and shall inform the owner or occupier of the building or part thereof of such designation.
- (2) Any part of any building which has been designated by the Commissioneras an improvised shelter pursuant to subsection (1) shall cease to be an improvised shelter when this Part ceases to be in operation, unless the designation is sooner revoked by the Commissioner.

Duties in relation to improvised shelters

- **8.**—(1) Where any part of any building has been designated as an improvised shelter pursuant to section 7, the owner or occupier of such building or part thereof
 - (a) shall not carry out therein, or permit another person to carryout therein, any repair or alteration, or anything else, which islikely to damage or otherwise impair the efficient use of the improvised shelter as such, except with the written permission of the Commissionerand subject to such conditions as the Commissioner thinks fit;
 - (b) shall maintain the improvised shelter in accordance with theregulations and such other directions as the Commissioner may givefrom time to time; and
 - (c) shall carry out such works for the maintenance, alteration orimprovement of the improvised shelter or for the installation of any equipment therein as the Commissioner may, from time to time, by writing require.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall be guiltyof an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding\$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 monthsor to both and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a furtherfine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof duringwhich the offence continues after conviction.

PART V

USE OF SHELTERS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Preparatory works for occupation ofshelters

- **9.**—(1) The Commissioner may, during the period when this Part is inoperation, serve a notice on the owner or occupier of
 - (a) any house or flat which is provided with a household shelterunder this Act; and

- (b) any part of any building which
 - (i) consists of a storey shelter or public shelter provided underthis Act; or
 - (ii) has been designated as an improvised shelter pursuant to section 7.

requiring such owner or occupier within the period specified in the notice to prepare the household shelter, storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter, as the case may be, for occupation persons needing to take refuge therein during a state of emergency.

(2) Any person who fails to comply with a notice served on him undersubsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liableon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and, in thecase of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continuesafter conviction.

Entry into shelters during operation of Part

- 10.—(1) Where pursuant to section 9 a notice is served on the owner oroccupier of any part of any building which consists of a storeyshelter, a public shelter or an improvised shelter and such owneror occupier fails to comply with any of the requirements of thenotice within the time specified therein, the Commissioner or anauthorised person may
 - (a) enter that part of the building which consists of the storeyshelter, public shelter or improvised shelter, as the case may be,and carry out or cause to be carried out in relation to the sheltersuch acts or works (including the seizure and removal of any property)as may be necessary to prepare the shelter for occupation by personsneeding to take refuge therein during a state of emergency; and
 - (b) recover any costs and expenses incurred thereby from such owneror occupier.
- (2) The Government shall not be liable for any loss of or damageto any property seized or removed by the Commissioner or authorised person in exercise of his powers under subsection (1).

Duties of owner or occupier of partof building which consists of shelter during state of emergency

- 11.—(1) The owner or occupier of any part of any building which consists of a storey shelter, a public shelter or an improvised shelter shallbe bound, during such periods as required or designated by the Minister
 - (a) to permit any person to enter and take refuge in the storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter, as the case may be; and
 - (b) to permit any person authorised by the Commissioner to occupyor use the storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelterfor any purpose as may be required by the Commissioner.
- (2) Subject to subsection (3), any person who fails to comply withsubsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liableon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 and, in thecase of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.
- (3) It shall be a good defence to a prosecution for an offence undersubsection (2) for the person charged with the offence to proveto the satisfaction of the court that he took all reasonable stepsto ensure that all persons who needed to enter and take refuge inthe storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter, as thecase may be, were allowed to do so.

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Permitted uses

- 12.—(1) The owner or occupier of any part of a building which consists of a shelter may, at any time other than the period when an ordermade under section 1(3) is in operation, use such part of the building for such purposes as may be
 - (a) prescribed by the regulations;

- (b) approved by the Commissioner in writing; or
- (c) allowed under any other written law.
- (2) No person shall change the use of any part of any building which consists of a shelter without the prior approval in writing of the Commissioner.
- (3) Any person who fails to comply with this section shall be guiltyof an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding\$10,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to afurther fine not exceeding \$500 for every day or part thereofduring which the offence continues after conviction.

Commissioner to administer Act andmay delegate authority

- **13.**—(1) The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration of this Act.
- (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), the powers conferred and the duties imposed on the Commissioner under this Act or the regulationsmay generally or specifically be exercised and carried out by anyperson generally or specifically authorised by name or office bythe Commissioner.

Specifications for construction ofshelters

14. The Commissioner may issue or approve and, from time to time, review and amend, the specifications, technical codes and standardsrelating to the design, construction and maintenance of sheltersto be provided under this Act and the equipment to be installed therein, and may, if circumstances so require, modify, subject tosuch conditions as he may impose, the requirements of any of the specifications in respect of any building, house or flat in which a shelter is to be provided under this Act.

Powers of entry

15.—(1) The Commissioner or any authorised person on producing, if sorequired, evidence of his authority shall have a right to enterand inspect, at all reasonable hours —

- (a) any building or part thereof for the purpose of ascertainingwhether any part of such building is suitable or required for useas an improvised shelter;
- (b) any building or part thereof in which a shelter is being constructed for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is or has been any contravention of any of the provisions of this Act, the regulations or any specifications; and
- (c) any shelter for the purpose of
 - (i) ascertaining whether there is or has been any contravention of any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations;
 - (ii) ensuring that the shelter is suitable for use as such; or
 - (iii) performing the duties or exercising the powers of the Commissionerunder this Act, the regulations or any other written law.
- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1)(a), the Commissioner or authorised person may require the owner or occupier of the building or part thereof being inspected to
 - (a) produce to the Commissioner or authorised person for inspection; or
 - (b) supply the Commissioner or authorised person with copies of,

any plans, records and other documents relating to the buildingor part thereof being inspected as may be in the possession, custodyor control of such owner or occupier, either forthwith or at suchtime and place as may be specified by the Commissioner or authorisedperson.

(3) The Commissioner or any authorised person shall not exercise the right of entry conferred by subsection (1)(a) unless at least 24 hours' notice of the intended entry has been given to the owner or occupier of the building or partthereof to be inspected.

Authorised persons may make forcibleentry

16.—(1) When any storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelterliable to inspection under section 15 is closed, the owner or

occupierof the building or part thereof which consists of the storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter shall, on demand by the Commissioneror any authorised person, allow him free entry thereto and affordall reasonable facilities for a search therein.

- (2) If entry to such storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter cannot be obtained, the Commissioner or authorised personmay
 - (a) break open any outer or inner door or window leading to the storeyshelter, public shelter or improvised shelter;
 - (b) forcibly enter such storey shelter, public shelter or improvised shelter and every part thereof; or
 - (c) remove by force any obstruction to such entry or search.

Furnishing of information

- 17.—(1) Where any person appears to the Commissioner to be acquaintedwith the circumstances of any case which is under investigation, the Commissioner may by notice require such person within such timeas may be specified in the notice to furnish the Commissioner withsuch information relating to that case as is within that person's knowledge or possession.
- (2) Any person who fails to comply with any notice under subsection (1) or who furnishes any information which he knows or has reasonto believe is false or misleading shall be guilty of an offenceand shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$250 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

Obstructing authorised persons in executionof duty

18. Any person who refuses the Commissioner or any authorised personaccess to any building or part thereof or otherwise hinders the Commissioner or authorised person in the performance of his duty, or neglects to give any information which is reasonably required of him and which he has in his power to give or which he is required by this Act or the regulations to give shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

Service of notices, etc.

- **19.**—(1) Any notice, order or document required or authorised by thisAct or the regulations to be served on any person may be served on that person
 - (a) by delivering it personally to that person;
 - (b) by delivering it at the usual or last known place of residence, business or employment of that person to some adult member or servantof his family or household or to some adult person who is apparentlyin charge of or is employed at the usual or last known place ofbusiness or employment of the person to be served;
 - (c) by sending it by registered post addressed to that person athis usual or last known place of residence, business or employment; or
 - (d) by affixing it to some conspicuous part of the building or partthereof of which that person is the owner or occupier.
- (2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), any notice, order or documentrequired or authorised by this Act or the regulations to be served any person during the period when an order made under section (3) is in operation may be served on that person—
 - (a) by publishing it in the daily newspapers circulating in Singaporein all the official languages and in the *Gazette*;
 - (b) by broadcasting it over the radio and television in the prescribedmanner;
 - (c) by audible signals given in the prescribed manner over a public-addresssystem or through a siren where such signals are audible from theusual or last known place of residence, business or employment ofthe person to be served;
 - (d) by reading the contents of the notice, order or document overthe telephone to that person;
 - (e) by reading the contents of the notice, order or document overthe telephone to some adult member or servant of his family or household;

- (f) by sending it by facsimile transmission, telex or any other prescribedmeans of telecommunication to the person to be served at the usualor last known place of residence, business or employment of that person where there is an acknowledgment by electronic or any other means to the effect that the order or notice has been received at that place.
- (3) Where a notice, order or document is served on any person pursuantto
 - (a) subsection (1)(b), it shall be
 - (i) presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have been conveyedor read to the person to whom it applies at the time of delivery; and
 - (ii) deemed to have been conveyed or read to the person to whom itapplies on the expiry of 6 hours from the time of delivery;
 - (b) subsection (1)(c), it shall be deemed to have been received and read by the person to whom it applies on the expiry of 48 hours from the time at which it was delivered to the post office for despatch;
 - (c) subsection (1)(d), it shall be deemed to have been received and read by the person to whom it applies on the expiry of 24 hours from the time at which it was affixed to the building or part thereof;
 - (d) subsection (2)(a), it shall be deemed to have been read by the person to whom it applies by noon on the dayfollowing the date of publication;
 - (e) subsection (2)(b) or (c), it shall be deemed to have been seen or heard by the person to whomit applies on the expiry of 6 hours from the commencement of the first broadcast or audible signal, as the case may be;
 - (f) subsection (2)(e), it shall be
 - (i) presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have been conveyed to the person to whom it applies at the time of the telephone conversation; and

- (ii) deemed to have been conveyed to the person to whom it applies on the expiry of 6 hours from the time of the telephone conversation;
- (g) subsection (2)(f), it shall be
 - (i) presumed, until the contrary is proved, to have been received and read or heard by the person to whom it applies at the time of the first transmission; and
 - (ii) deemed to have been received and read or heard by the personto whom it applies on the expiry of 6 hours from the time of the first transmission.
- (4) Any notice, order or document required or authorised by thisAct or the regulations to be served on the owner or occupier of any building or part thereof shall be deemed to be properly addressed addressed by the description of the "owner" or "occupier" of the building or part thereof without further name or description.
- (5) Any notice, order or document required or authorised by thisAct or the regulations to be served on any person may be issued in such form as the Commissioner may determine.
- (6) Where any such notice, order or document requires authentication, the signature of the Commissioner or an authorised person or anofficial facsimile of such signature appended thereto shall be sufficient authentication.

Inaccuracies in documents

20. No misnomer or inaccurate description of any person or placenamed or described in any document prepared, issued or served under, by virtue of or for the purposes of this Act or the regulations shall in any way affect the operation of this Act or the regulations as respects that person or place if that person or place is so designated in the document as to be identifiable, and no proceedings taken under or by virtue of this Act or the regulations shall be invalid for want of form.

Immunity from suit

21. No suit or other legal proceedings shall lie against the Government, the Commissioner or any authorised person or public officer or anyother person acting under the direction of the Commissioner or suchauthorised person or public officer for anything which is in goodfaith done or intended to be done in the execution or purported execution of this Act or the regulations.

Jurisdiction of Courts

22. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code(Cap. 68), a District Court or a Magistrate's Court shallhave jurisdiction to hear and determine all offences under thisAct or the regulations and shall have power to impose the full penaltyor punishment in respect of an offence under this Act or the regulations.

Conduct of prosecutions

23. Proceedings in respect of any offence under this Act or the regulationsmay be conducted by any officer of the Force or any other personauthorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner.

Evidence

- **24.**—(1) The contents of any document prepared, issued or served under, by virtue of or for the purposes of this Act or the regulations shall, until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be correct.
- (2) All records and other documents required by this Act or the regulations to be kept by the Commissioner shall be deemed to be public documents and copies thereof or extracts therefrom certified by the officerresponsible for the custody thereof to be true copies or extracts, as the case may be, subscribed by that officer with his name and his official title shall be admissible in evidence as proof of the documents of the documents or extracts.
- (3) A certificate purporting to be under the hand of the Commissionerand specifying the costs and expenses or arrears as due and payableby any person shall be prima facie evidence of the facts certifiedtherein and of the signature of the Commissioner.

Offence by body corporate

- **25.** Where an offence under this Act or the regulations has been committedby a body corporate, a partnership or an unincorporated association of persons, any person who at the time of the commission of theoffence was a director, manager, partner, secretary or other similar officer thereof, or was purporting to act in any such capacity shall be guilty of that offence unless he proves that
 - (a) the offence was committed without his consent or connivance; and
 - (b) he had exercised all such diligence to prevent the commission of the offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to thenature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances.

Composition of offences

- **26.**—(1) The Commissioner may, in his discretion, compound any offenceunder this Act or the regulations which is prescribed as a compoundableoffence by collecting from the person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence a sum not exceeding \$500.
- (2) All sums received under subsection (1) shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund.

Exemption

27. The Minister may, by order either generally or in any particularcase, and subject to such conditions as he may impose, exempt anyperson or building or part thereof from all or any of the provisions of this Act or the regulations.

Regulations

28.—(1) The Minister may make regulations for carrying out the purposesand provisions of this Act as he considers necessary and for anymatter which is required under this Act to be prescribed and, inparticular, the Minister may make regulations —

- (a) to regulate and control the use and maintenance of shelters during state of emergency and the conduct of persons taking refuge inthem;
- (b) to regulate and control the use and maintenance of shelters whenthere is no state of emergency;
- (c) to provide for the inspection of shelters;
- (d) to prescribe the time and manner for making any application underthis Act;
- (e) to prescribe the fees and charges which may be levied under this Act or the regulations;
- (f) to prescribe the forms for use in connection with this Act orthe regulations;
- (g) to prescribe the offences which may be compounded under section 26; and
- (h) to prescribe any other matter which is required to be prescribedfor the purposes of this Act.
- (2) The Minister may, in making any regulations under subsection (1), provide that any contravention or failure to comply with anyof the provisions of such regulations shall be an offence punishable with a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or with both.

Consequential amendment to BuildingControl Act

- **29.** The definition of "building" in section 2(1)of the Building Control Act (Cap. 29) is amended
 - (a) by deleting the word "and" at the end of paragraph (e), and by inserting immediately thereafterthe following paragraph:
 - "(f) a shelter provided under the Civil Defence Shelter Act 1997; and
 - a sewage treatment plant, sewer, drain, swimming pool or any non-proprietary type of concrete tank for the storage of any solid, liquid or gaseous product; ".
 - (b) by re-lettering paragraph (f) as paragraph (g).

THE SCHEDULE

Section 2(3)

PUBLIC SHELTERS DEEMED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THIS ACT

The public shelters located at the concourse andplatform levels of the following MRT stations:

- 1. Braddell MRT Station.
- 2. Newton MRT Station.
- 3. Somerset MRT Station.
- 4. City Hall MRT Station.
- 5. Raffles Place MRT Station.
- 6. Marina Bay MRT Station.
- 7. Tiong Bahru MRT Station.
- 8. Lavender MRT Station.
- 9. Bugis MRT Station.