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(CHAPTER 106)

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An Act to provide for the levy of fees and payments for licences.

[22nd April 1881]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Fees Act.

Minister for Finance may frame tables of fees

2. The Minister for Finance may by order frame tables of fees, and of payments for licences, permits and otherwise leviable or to be leviable, in the subordinate courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, and in all public offices and departments.

Publication

3. Every such table of fees and of payments for licences and permits shall be published in the *Gazette* and shall have effect from the date of the publication and shall be presented to Parliament as soon as possible after publication.

Officers may decline to act till payment

4. The officer of any court, public office or department required to do anything for which a fee or payment is chargeable under this Act may decline to do that thing until the fee is paid or the payment is made.

Fees, etc., recoverable as fines before a Magistrate's Court

5.—(1) All fees and payments for licences and permits prescribed in any such order shall be recoverable when not otherwise provided for by summary procedure before a Magistrate's Court in the manner provided for the recovery of fines and penalties before a Magistrate's Court, on complaint by or on behalf of the officer to whom the fees ought to have been paid or the payment ought to have been made.

(2) A certificate by such officer that the fee has not been paid, or that the payment has not been made shall be held to be prima facie proof of non-payment.

Payments by stamps

6. The Minister for Finance may by order declare that all or any fees or payments for licences or permits in any of the subordinate courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction, public offices and departments so fixed, or to be fixed, shall be payable by means of stamps under any written law in force relating to the collection of stamp duties.

Minister for Finance may declare fees and payments to be payable in stamps or money

7. The Minister for Finance may by order declare that all or any fees or payments in any of the public offices and departments now made payable by means of stamps shall be paid in money, notwithstanding any Act in force to the contrary.

Fees, etc., prescribed by written law

8. Nothing in this Act shall be held to affect the amount of any fees or payments leviable or chargeable under any written law in force when express provision is made as to the amount of such fees or payments in that written law.

Remission of fees

9. Notwithstanding section 8, it shall be lawful for the Minister for Finance to remit wholly or in part, and either generally or in any particular case or class of cases, any fee or other payment prescribed under this Act or under any other written law, and the Minister for Finance may in framing any table of fees or other payments provide for the remission of any such fees or other payments and may specify therein the person by whom remissions shall be granted.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

FEES ACT (CHAPTER 106)

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1. Ordinance 1 of 1881 — Fees Ordinance 1881

Date of First Reading	: 22 March 1881
Date of Second Reading	: 12 April 1881
Date of Third Reading	: 19 April 1881
Date of commencement	: 22 April 1881

2. Ordinance 6 of 1883 — Fees Ordinance 1883

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Date of Second Reading	: 19 June 1883
Date of Third Reading	: 6 July 1883
Date of commencement	: 7 July 1883

3. Ordinance 31 of 1938 — Fees (Amendment) Ordinance 1938

Date of First Reading	: 31 October 1938
Date of Second and Third Readings	: 23 November 1938
Date of commencement	: 9 December 1938

4. Ordinance 31 of 1958 — Legislative Assembly (Presentation of Subsidiary Legislation) Ordinance 1958

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading	: 16 July 1958 (Bill No. 158/58 published on 22 July 1958)
Date of Second Reading	: 13 August 1958
Date of Third Reading	: 10 September 1958
Date of commencement	: 25 September 1958

5. G.N. No. S 223/59 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) Order 1959

Date of commencement	: 3 June 1959
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6. S (N.S.) 178/59 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 4) Order 1959

Date of commencement : 20 November 1959

7. Act 53 of 1966 — Fees (Amendment) Act 1966

Date of First Reading : 5 December 1966
(Bill No. 53/66 published on
7 December 1966)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 21 December 1966

Date of commencement : 6 January 1967

8. 1970 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 138)

Date of operation : 1 March 1971

9. 1985 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 106)

Date of operation : 30 March 1987

10. 2013 Revised Edition — Fees Act (Chapter 106)

Date of operation : 31 August 2013