

### THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

# STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES (PROTECTION OF SECRECY) ACT

**(CHAPTER 319)** 

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# Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act

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An Act to protect the secrecy of information of statutory bodies and Government companies.

[20th January 1984]

### Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act.

### Interpretation

**2.** In this Act, "specified organisation" means a statutory body or a Government company which is specified in the Schedule.

### Protection of secrecy

**3.**—(1) No person who is or has been a member or an officer, employee or agent of a specified organisation shall, without authority of that organisation, disclose to any other person any secret or confidential document or information which he has obtained or to which he has access by virtue of his position as such member, officer, employee or agent.

- (2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to the disclosure of any document or information
  - (a) for the purpose of the performance of his duties or functions by any member, officer, employee or agent of a specified organisation; or
  - (b) which is lawfully required or authorised to be disclosed by any court or where required or allowed by the provisions of any written law.

[Act 5 of 2018 wef 01/04/2018]

(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both.

### **Consent for prosecution**

**4.** No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act without the written consent of the Public Prosecutor.

[15/2010 wef 02/01/2011]

### **Amendment of Schedule**

Technology and Research

**5.** The President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.

### THE SCHEDULE

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### PART I STATUTORY BODIES

Statutory body

Act under which established or constituted

1. Building and Construction Building and Construction Authority Act (Chapter 30A)

1A. Agency for Science, Agency for Science, Technology and

Research Act (Chapter 5A)

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2.	Central Provident Fund Board	Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36)
3.	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009
4.	Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore	Competition Act (Chapter 50B)
4A.	SkillsFuture Singapore Agency	SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Act 2016
5.	Defence Science and Technology Agency	Defence Science and Technology Agency Act (Chapter 75A)
6.	Economic Development Board	Economic Development Board Act (Chapter 85)
6A.	Energy Market Authority of Singapore	Energy Market Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 92B)
6B.	Government Technology Agency	Government Technology Agency Act 2016
7.	Housing and Development Board	Housing and Development Act (Chapter 129)

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18.	National Environment Agency	National Environment Agency Act (Chapter 195)
19.	People's Association	People's Association Act (Chapter 227)
20.	Public Transport Council	Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B)
21.	Public Utilities Board	Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261)
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22.	Singapore Land Authority	Singapore Land Authority Act (Chapter 301)
23.	Singapore Tourism Board	Singapore Tourism Board Act (Chapter 305B)
24.	Workforce Singapore Agency	Workforce Singapore Agency Act (Chapter 305D)
25.	[Deleted by Act 10 of 2018 wef 01/04/2018]	
26.	Urban Redevelopment Authority	Urban Redevelopment Authority Act

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[Act 20 of 2016 wef 04/10/2016]
[Act 24 of 2016 wef 03/10/2016]
[Act 22 of 2016 wef 01/10/2016]
[Act 23 of 2016 wef 01/10/2016]
[S 288/2005 wef 06/05/2005]
[S 3/2005 wef 10/06/2005]
[S 599/2005 wef 14/09/2005]
[S 178/2008 wef 02/04/2008]
[17/2009 wef 01/07/2009]
[S 589/2009 wef 01/12/2009]

# PART II GOVERNMENT COMPANIES

PSA Corporation Limited and its subsidiary corporations.

[G.N. Nos. S 565/95; S 446/96; S 483/96; S 455/97; S 92/98; S 430/98; S 495/2003; S 276/2004]

### LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

# STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES (PROTECTION OF SECRECY) ACT (CHAPTER 319)

This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act. It is not part of the Act.

1. Act 17 of 1983 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act 1983

Date of First Reading : 30 August 1983

(Bill No. 13/1983 published on

7 September 1983)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 20 December 1983

Date of commencement : 20 January 1984

2. G. N. No. S 113/1984 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1984

Date of commencement : 19 April 1984

3. G. N. No. S 241/1984 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1984

Date of commencement : 14 September 1984

4. G. N. No. S 248/1985 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1985

Date of commencement : 6 September 1985

5. 1985 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act

Date of operation : 30 March 1987

6. G. N. No. S 271/1987 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1987

Date of commencement : 16 October 1987

7. G. N. No. S 339/1987 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1987

Date of commencement : 18 December 1987

8. G. N. No. S 160/1989 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1989

Date of commencement : 14 April 1989

9. G. N. No. S 281/1992 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1992

Date of commencement : 11 May 1990

10. G. N. No. S 282/1992 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 1992

Date of commencement : 15 June 1990

11. G. N. No. S 243/1994 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 1994

Date of commencement : 1 September 1993

12. G. N. No. S 219/1994 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1994

Date of commencement : 6 May 1994

13. G. N. No. S 483/1996 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 1996

Date of commencement : 1 January 1995

14. 1995 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act

Date of operation : 15 March 1995

15. Act 29 of 1995 — Rapid Transit Systems Act 1995

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 7 July 1995

(Bill No. 25/1995 published on

8 July 1995)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 7 August 1995

Date of commencement : 1 September 1995

16. G. N. No. S 565/1995 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1995

Date of commencement : 22 December 1995

17. Act 7 of 1996 — Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act 1996 (Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 5 December 1995

(Bill No. 41/1995 published on

6 December 1995)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 18 January 1996

Date of commencement : 2 February 1996

18. Act 1 of 1996 — Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act 1995 (Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 1 November 1995

(Bill No. 38/1995 published on

2 November 1995)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 5 December 1995

Date of commencement : 1 April 1996

19. G. N. No. S 446/1996 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1996

Date of commencement : 4 October 1996

20. G. N. No. S 430/1998 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 1998

Date of commencement : 8 September 1997

21. G. N. No. S 455/1997 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1997

Date of commencement : 3 October 1997

22. G. N. No. S 92/1998 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1998

Date of commencement : 27 February 1998

## 23. 1998 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act

Date of operation : 15 December 1998

# 24. Act 41 of 1999 — Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore Act 1999

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 11 October 1999

(Bill No. 36/1999 published on

12 October 1999)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 23 November 1999

Date of commencement : 1 December 1999

### 25. Act 9 of 2000 — Defence Science and Technology Agency Act 2000

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 17 January 2000

(Bill No. 1/2000 published on

18 January 2000)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 21 February 2000

Date of commencement : 15 March 2000

### 26. Act 3 of 2001 — Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Act 2001

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 12 January 2001

(Bill No. 1/2001 published on

13 January 2001)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 22 February 2001

Date of commencement : 1 April 2001

### 27. Act 8 of 2001 — Public Utilities Act 2001

(Referential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 22 February 2001

(Bill No. 7/2001 published on

23 February 2001)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 16 March 2001

Date of commencement : 1 April 2001

28. Act 17 of 2001 — Singapore Land Authority Act 2001

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 5 March 2001

(Bill No. 17/2001 published on

6 March 2001)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 19 April 2001

Date of commencement : 1 June 2001

29. Act 25 of 2002 — Currency (Amendment) Act 2002

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 8 July 2002

(Bill No. 23/2002 published on

9 July 2002)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 23 July 2002

Date of commencement : 1 October 2002

30. G. N. No. S 495/2003 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies

(Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of

**Schedule) Notification 2003** 

Date of commencement : 27 October 2003

31. G. N. No. S 276/2004 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies

(Protection of Secrecy) (Amendment of

**Schedule) Notification 2004** 

Date of commencement : 1 June 2004

32. 2004 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies

(Protection of Secrecy) Act

Date of operation : 31 July 2004

33. G. N. No. S 288/2005 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies

(Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of

**Schedule) Notification 2005** 

Date of commencement : 6 May 2005

34. Act 3 of 2005 — CISCO (Dissolution) Act 2005

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 19 October 2004

(Bill No. 52/2004 published on

20 October 2004)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 25 January 2005

Date of commencement : 10 June 2005

35. G. N. No. S 599/2005 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 2005

Date of commencement : 14 September 2005

36. G. N. No. S 178/2008 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2008

Date of commencement : 2 April 2008

37. Act 17 of 2009 — Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009 (Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 23 March 2009

(Bill No. 10/2009 published on

23 March 2009)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 13 April 2009

Date of commencement : 1 July 2009

38. G. N. No. S 589/2009 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2009

Date of commencement : 1 December 2009

39. Act 15 of 2010 — Criminal Procedure Code 2010

(Consequential amendments made to Act by)

Date of First Reading : 26 April 2010

(Bill No. 11/2010 published on

26 April 2010)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 19 May 2010

Date of commencement : 2 January 2011

40. Act 23 of 2016 — Government Technology Agency Act 2016

Date of First Reading : 11 July 2016 (Bill No. 22/2016

published on 11 July 2016)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016

Date of commencement : 1 October 2016

### 41. Act 22 of 2016 — Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016

Date of First Reading : 11 July 2016 (Bill No. 21/2016

published on 11 July 2016)

Date of Second Reading : 16 August 2016

Date of Third Reading : 17 September 2016

Date of commencement : 1 October 2016

### 42. Act 24 of 2016 — SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Act 2016

Date of First Reading : 11 July 2016 (Bill No. 24/2016

published on 11 July 2016)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016

Date of commencement : 3 October 2016

### 43. Act 20 of 2016 — Singapore Workforce Development Agency (Amendment) Act 2016

Date of First Reading : 11 July 2016 (Bill No. 19/2016)

published on 11 July 2016)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016

Date of commencement : 4 October 2016

### 44. Act 5 of 2018 — Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018

Date of First Reading : 6 November 2017 (Bill No.

45/2017 published on 6 November 2017)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 8 January 2018

Date of commencement : 1 April 2018

### 45. Act 10 of 2018 — Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018

Date of First Reading : 8 January 2018 (Bill No. 3/2018

published on 8 January 2018)

Date of Second and Third Readings : 5 February 2018

Date of commencement : 1 April 2018