

# THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

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

# (CHAPTER 319)

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# CHAPTER 319

# 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.

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(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**

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 Authority Building and Construction Authority Act (Chapter 30A)

1A. Agency for Science, Technology and Research Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act (Chapter 5A)

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1B.	Casino Regulatory Authority of Singapore	Casino Control Act (Chapter 33A)	
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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	THE SCHEDULE	E - continued		
8.	Info-communications Media Development Authority	Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016		
9.	Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore	Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 138A)		
10.	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Act (Chapter 140)		
11.	Enterprise Singapore Board	Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018		
12.	Jurong Town Corporation	Jurong Town Corporation Act (Chapter 150)		
13.	Land Transport Authority of Singapore	Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 158A)		
14.	Majlis Ugama Islam, Singapura	Administration of Muslim Law Act (Chapter 3)		
15.	Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore	Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 170A)		
16.	[Deleted by Act 22 of 2016 wef 01/10/2016]			
17.	Monetary Authority of Singapore	Monetary Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 186)		

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18.	National Environ	ment Agency	National Environment Agenc (Chapter 195)	y Act
18A.	National Parks B	oard	National Parks Board Act (Chapter 198A)	
19.	People's Associat	tion	People's Association Act (Chapter 227)	
20.	Public Transport	Council	Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B)	
21.	Public Utilities B	oard	Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261)	
21A.	Singapore Exami Assessment Boar		Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Act (Chapter 299A)	
21B.	Singapore Food A	Agency	Singapore Food Agency Act	2019
22.	Singapore Land A	Authority	Singapore Land Authority Ac (Chapter 301)	>t
23.	Singapore Touris	m Board	Singapore Tourism Board Ac (Chapter 305B)	t
24.	Workforce Singaj	pore Agency	Workforce Singapore Agency (Chapter 305D)	<sup>r</sup> Act
25.	[Deleted by Act 1 01/04/2018]	0 of 2018 wef		

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26.	Urban Redevelopment Authority	Urban Redevel (Chapter 340)	opment Authority	Act
		[Act	11 of 2019 wef 01/04/2	2019]
		[Act	10 of 2019 wef 01/04/2	2019]
		[Act	10 of 2018 wef 01/04/2	2018]
		[Act ]	20 of 2016 wef 04/10/2	2016]
		[Act ]	24 of 2016 wef 03/10/2	2016]
		[Act ]	22 of 2016 wef 01/10/2	2016]
		[Act ]	23 of 2016 wef 01/10/2	2016]
		[5	5 288/2005 wef 06/05/2	2005]
			[S 3/2005 wef 10/06/2	2005]
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		[5	5 178/2008 wef 02/04/2	2008]

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;

[17/2009 wef 01/07/2009] [S 589/2009 wef 01/12/2009]

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 Reading	s : 20 December 1983
	Date of commencement	: 20 January 1984
2.		Bodies and Government Companies on of Secrecy) Notification 1984
	Date of commencement	: 19 April 1984
3.	· · · · · ·	Bodies and Government Companies on of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1984
	Date of commencement	: 14 September 1984
4.	· · · · · ·	Bodies and Government Companies on of Secrecy) Notification 1985
	Date of commencement	: 6 September 1985
5.		by Bodies and Government Companies fon of Secrecy) Act
	Date of operation	: 30 March 1987
6.	•	Bodies and Government Companies on of Secrecy) Notification 1987
	Date of commencement	: 16 October 1987
7.	· · · · · ·	Bodies and Government Companies on of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1987
	Date of commencement	: 18 December 1987

8.	G. N. No. S 160/1989 —	•		s and Government Companies ecrecy) Notification 1989
	Date of commencement		:	14 April 1989
9.	G. N. No. S 281/1992 —	•	of S	s and Government Companies ecrecy) Act (Amendment of ication 1992
	Date of commencement		:	11 May 1990
10.	G. N. No. S 282/1992 —	(Protection o	of S	s and Government Companies ecrecy) (Amendment of 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 —	(Protection o	of S	s and Government Companies ecrecy) Act (Amendment of 2) Notification 1996
	Date of commencement		:	1 January 1995
14.	1995 Revised Edition —	Statutory Bo (Protection o		es and Government Companies becrecy) Act
	Date of operation		:	15 March 1995
15.	Act 29 of 1995 — Rapid (Consequential amendment			
	Date of First Reading		:	7 July 1995 (Bill No. 25/1995 published on 8 July 1995)
	Date of Second and Thin	d Readings	:	7 August 1995
	Date of commencement		:	1 September 1995

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#### 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
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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
	odies and Government Companies of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Notification 1996
Date of commencement	: 4 October 1996
	odies and Government Companies of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of No. 2) Notification 1998
Date of commencement	: 8 September 1997
	odies and Government Companies of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Notification 1997
Date of commencement	: 3 October 1997
	dies and Government Companies of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of otification 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) : 17 January 2000 Date of First Reading (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

<b>28.</b> Act 17 of 2001 — Singapore Land A (Consequential amendments made to A			
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		
<b>29.</b> Act <b>25 of 2002</b> — Currency (Amend (Consequential amendments made to A			
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		
<b>34.</b> 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		

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Date of commencement	: 10 June 2005		
(Protecti	y Bodies and Government Companies ion of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of e) (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		
<b>37.</b> Act 17 of 2009 — Civil Aviation (Consequential amendments made			
Date of First Reading	: 23 March 2009 (Bill No. 10/2009 published on 23 March 2009)		
Date of Second and Third Readin	gs : 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		
<b>39.</b> Act 15 of 2010 — Criminal Proce (Consequential amendments made			
Date of First Reading	: 26 April 2010 (Bill No. 11/2010 published on 26 April 2010)		
Date of Second and Third Readin	gs : 19 May 2010		
Date of commencement	: 2 January 2011		
40. Act 23 of 2016 — Government T	echnology Agency Act 2016		
Date of First Reading	: 11 July 2016 (Bill No. 22/2016 published on 11 July 2016)		
Date of Second and Third Readin	gs : 16 August 2016		
Date of commencement	: 1 October 2016		

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#### 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)				

	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.	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	
46. Act 11 of 2019 — Singapore Food Agency Act 2019				
	Date of First Reading	:	15 January 2019 (Bill No. 5/2019 published on 15 January 2019)	

Date of Second and Third Readings	:	12 February 2019
Date of commencement	:	1 April 2019

#### 47. Act 10 of 2019 — National Parks Board (Amendment) Act 2019

Date of First Reading	: 15 January 2019 (Bill No. 4/2019 published on 15 January 2019)
Date of Second and Third Readings	: 12 February 2019
Date of commencement	: 1 April 2019