



**THE STATUTES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

**STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES  
(PROTECTION OF SECRECY) ACT 1983**

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# Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act 1983

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

[20 January 1984]

### **Short title**

1. This Act is the Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act 1983.

### **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) A person who is or has been a member or an officer, employee or agent of a specified organisation must not, without authority of that organisation, disclose to any other person any secret or confidential document or information which the person has obtained or to which the person has access by virtue of the person’s position as such member, officer, employee or agent.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the disclosure of any document or information —

- (a) for the purpose of the performance of his or her 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.

[5/2018]

(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. A prosecution must not be instituted under this Act except with the written consent of the Public Prosecutor.

[15/2010]

### **Amendment of Schedule**

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

## THE SCHEDULE

Sections 2 and 5

### PART 1

#### STATUTORY BODIES

<i>Statutory body</i>	<i>Act under which established or constituted</i>
1. Agency for Science, Technology and Research	Agency for Science, Technology and Research Act 1990
2. Building and Construction Authority	Building and Construction Authority Act 1999

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Statutory body</i>	<i>Act under which established or constituted</i>
3. [Deleted by Act 14 of 2022 wef 01/08/2022]	
4. Central Provident Fund Board	Central Provident Fund Act 1953
5. Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore	Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009
6. Competition and Consumer Commission of Singapore	Competition Act 2004
7. Defence Science and Technology Agency	Defence Science and Technology Agency Act 2000
8. Economic Development Board	Economic Development Board Act 1961
9. Energy Market Authority of Singapore	Energy Market Authority of Singapore Act 2001
10. Enterprise Singapore Board	Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018
10A. Gambling Regulatory Authority of Singapore	Gambling Regulatory Authority of Singapore Act 2022
11. Government Technology Agency	Government Technology Agency Act 2016
12. Home Team Science and Technology Agency	Home Team Science and Technology Agency Act 2019

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Statutory body</i>	<i>Act under which established or constituted</i>
13. Housing and Development Board	Housing and Development Act 1959
14. Info-communications Media Development Authority	Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016
15. Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore	Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act 1992
16. Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore Act 2001
17. Jurong Town Corporation	Jurong Town Corporation Act 1968
18. Land Transport Authority of Singapore	Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act 1995
19. Majlis Ugama Islam, Singapura	Administration of Muslim Law Act 1966
20. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore	Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act 1996
21. Monetary Authority of Singapore	Monetary Authority of Singapore Act 1970
22. National Environment Agency	National Environment Agency Act 2002

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

<i>Statutory body</i>	<i>Act under which established or constituted</i>
23. National Parks Board	National Parks Board Act 1996
24. People's Association	People's Association Act 1960
25. Public Transport Council	Public Transport Council Act 1987
26. Public Utilities Board	Public Utilities Act 2001
27. Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board	Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board Act 2003
28. Singapore Food Agency	Singapore Food Agency Act 2019
29. Singapore Land Authority	Singapore Land Authority Act 2001
30. Singapore Tourism Board	Singapore Tourism Board Act 1963
31. SkillsFuture Singapore Agency	SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Act 2016
32. Urban Redevelopment Authority	Urban Redevelopment Authority Act 1989
33. Workforce Singapore Agency	Workforce Singapore Agency Act 2003

*[Act 14 of 2022 wef 01/08/2022]*

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THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

PART 2

GOVERNMENT COMPANIES

PSA Corporation Limited and its subsidiary corporations.

*[17/2009; 20/2016; 22/2016; 23/2016; 24/2016; 10/2018;  
10/2019; 11/2019; 21/2019; S 288/2005; S 599/2005;  
S 178/2008; S 589/2009]*

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
STATUTORY BODIES AND GOVERNMENT COMPANIES  
(PROTECTION OF SECRECY) ACT 1983

This Legislative History is a service provided by the Law Revision Commission on a best-efforts basis. It is not part of the Act.

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

Bill	:	13/1983
First Reading	:	30 August 1983
Second and Third Readings	:	20 December 1983
Commencement	:	20 January 1984

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

Commencement	:	19 April 1984
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**3. G.N. No. S 241/1984 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1984**

Commencement	:	14 September 1984
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**4. G.N. No. S 248/1985 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1985**

Commencement	:	6 September 1985
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**5. 1985 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Act (Chapter 319)**

Operation	:	30 March 1987
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**6. G.N. No. S 271/1987 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1987**

Commencement	:	16 October 1987
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**7. G.N. No. S 339/1987 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) (No. 2) Notification 1987**

Commencement	:	18 December 1987
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**8. G.N. No. S 160/1989 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Notification 1989**

Commencement	:	14 April 1989
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**9. G.N. No. S 281/1992 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1992**

Commencement : 11 May 1990

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

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**

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**

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**

Commencement : 1 January 1995

**14. 1995 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Chapter 319)**

Operation : 15 March 1995

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

(Amendments made by section 45 read with paragraph 5 of the Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 25/1995

First Reading : 7 July 1995

Second and Third Readings : 7 August 1995

Commencement : 1 September 1995 (section 45 read with paragraph 5 of the Schedule)

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

Commencement : 22 December 1995

**17. Act 7 of 1996 — Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act 1996**  
(Amendments made by section 121(4) read with item (16) of the Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	46/1995
First Reading	:	5 December 1995
Second and Third Readings	:	18 January 1996
Commencement	:	2 February 1996 (section 121(4) read with item (16) of the Fourth Schedule)

**18. Act 1 of 1996 — Singapore Productivity and Standards Board Act 1995**  
(Amendments made by section 44 read with item 8 of the Third Schedule to the above Act)

Bill	:	39/1995
First Reading	:	1 November 1995
Second Reading	:	5 December 1995
Notice of Amendments	:	5 December 1995
Third Reading	:	5 December 1995
Commencement	:	1 April 1996 (section 44 read with item 8 of the Third Schedule)

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

Commencement	:	4 October 1996
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**20. G.N. No. S 430/1998 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) (No. 2) Notification 1998**

Commencement	:	8 September 1997
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**21. G.N. No. S 455/1997 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1997**

Commencement	:	3 October 1997
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**22. G.N. No. S 92/1998 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 1998**

Commencement	:	27 February 1998
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**23. 1998 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Act (Chapter 319)**

Operation : 15 December 1998

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

(Amendments made by section 31(1) read with item (4) of the  
Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 36/1999  
First Reading : 11 October 1999  
Second and Third Readings : 23 November 1999  
Commencement : 1 December 1999 (section 31(1) read  
with item (4) of the Fourth Schedule)

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

(Amendments made by section 34 read with item (4) of the Third Schedule to  
the above Act)

Bill : 1/2000  
First Reading : 17 January 2000  
Second and Third Readings : 21 February 2000  
Commencement : 15 March 2000 (section 34 read with  
item (4) of the Third Schedule)

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

(Amendments made by section 38(1) read with item (6) of the  
Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 1/2001  
First Reading : 12 January 2001  
Second and Third Readings : 22 February 2001  
Commencement : 1 April 2001 (section 38(1) read with  
item (6) of the Fourth Schedule)

**27. Act 17 of 2001 — Singapore Land Authority Act 2001**

(Amendments made by section 38(1) read with item (17) of the  
Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 17/2001  
First Reading : 5 March 2001  
Second and Third Readings : 19 April 2001

- Commencement : 1 June 2001 (section 38(1) read with item (17) of the Fourth Schedule)
- 28. Act 25 of 2002 — Currency (Amendment) Act 2002**  
(Amendments made by section 9 read with item (8) of the Schedule to the above Act)
- Bill : 23/2002
- First Reading : 8 July 2002
- Second and Third Readings : 23 July 2002
- Commencement : 1 October 2002 (section 9 read with item (8) of the Schedule)
- 29. G.N. No. S 495/2003 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2003**
- Commencement : 27 October 2003
- 30. G.N. No. S 276/2004 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2004**
- Commencement : 1 June 2004
- 31. 2004 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Chapter 319)**
- Operation : 31 July 2004
- 32. G.N. No. S 288/2005 — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act (Amendment of Schedule) Notification 2005**
- Commencement : 6 May 2005
- 33. Act 3 of 2005 — CISCO (Dissolution) Act 2005**  
(Amendments made by section 16 read with item (9) of the Schedule to the above Act)
- Bill : 52/2004
- First Reading : 19 October 2004
- Second and Third Readings : 25 January 2005
- Commencement : 10 June 2005 (section 16 read with item (9) of the Schedule)

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

Commencement : 14 September 2005

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

Commencement : 2 April 2008

**36. Act 17 of 2009 — Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act 2009**  
(Amendments made by section 104 read with item 5 of the Fourth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 10/2009

First Reading : 23 March 2009

Second and Third Readings : 13 April 2009

Commencement : 1 July 2009 (section 104 read with item 5 of the Fourth Schedule)

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

Commencement : 1 December 2009

**38. Act 15 of 2010 — Criminal Procedure Code 2010**  
(Amendments made by section 430 read with item 103 of the Sixth Schedule to the above Act)

Bill : 11/2010

First Reading : 26 April 2010

Second Reading : 18 May 2010

Third Reading : 19 May 2010

Commencement : 2 January 2011 (section 430 read with item 103 of the Sixth Schedule)

**39. Act 23 of 2016 — Government Technology Agency Act 2016**  
(Amendments made by section 82(4) of the above Act)

Bill : 22/2016

First Reading : 11 July 2016

Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016

- Commencement : 1 October 2016 (section 82(4))
- 40. Act 22 of 2016 — Info-communications Media Development Authority Act 2016**  
(Amendments made by section 102(6) of the above Act)
- Bill : 21/2016
- First Reading : 11 July 2016
- Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016
- Commencement : 1 October 2016 (section 102(6))
- 41. Act 24 of 2016 — SkillsFuture Singapore Agency Act 2016**  
(Amendments made by section 78(5) of the above Act)
- Bill : 24/2016
- First Reading : 11 July 2016
- Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016
- Commencement : 3 October 2016 (section 78(5))
- 42. Act 20 of 2016 — Singapore Workforce Development Agency (Amendment) Act 2016**  
(Amendments made by section 20(7) of the above Act)
- Bill : 19/2016
- First Reading : 11 July 2016
- Second and Third Readings : 16 August 2016
- Commencement : 4 October 2016 (section 20(7))
- 43. Act 5 of 2018 — Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018**  
(Amendments made by section 107 of the above Act)
- Bill : 45/2017
- First Reading : 6 November 2017
- Second Reading : 8 January 2018
- Notice of Amendments : 8 January 2018
- Third Reading : 8 January 2018
- Commencement : 1 April 2018 (section 107)
- 44. Act 10 of 2018 — Enterprise Singapore Board Act 2018**  
(Amendments made by section 78(8) of the above Act)
- Bill : 3/2018

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|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| First Reading             | : | 8 January 2018               |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 5 February 2018              |
| Commencement              | : | 1 April 2018 (section 78(8)) |
- 45. Act 10 of 2019 — National Parks Board (Amendment) Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 15 of the above Act)
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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 4/2019                    |
| First Reading             | : | 15 January 2019           |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 12 February 2019          |
| Commencement              | : | 1 April 2019 (section 15) |
- 46. Act 11 of 2019 — Singapore Food Agency Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 66(6) of the above Act)
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|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 5/2019                       |
| First Reading             | : | 15 January 2019              |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 12 February 2019             |
| Commencement              | : | 1 April 2019 (section 66(6)) |
- 47. Act 21 of 2019 — Home Team Science and Technology Agency Act 2019**  
(Amendments made by section 51(5) of the above Act)
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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 15/2019                         |
| First Reading             | : | 8 July 2019                     |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 6 August 2019                   |
| Commencement              | : | 1 December 2019 (section 51(5)) |
- 48. 2020 Revised Edition — Statutory Bodies and Government Companies  
(Protection of Secrecy) Act 1983**
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| Operation | : | 31 December 2021 |
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- 49. Act 14 of 2022 — Gambling Regulatory Authority of Singapore Act 2022**  
(Amendments made by the above Act)
- |                           |   |                  |
|---------------------------|---|------------------|
| Bill                      | : | 5/2022           |
| First Reading             | : | 14 February 2022 |
| Second and Third Readings | : | 11 March 2022    |
| Commencement              | : | 1 August 2022    |