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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 6 January 2020 and assented to by the President on 29 January 2020:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 2 of 2020.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
29 January 2020.

(LS)

An Act to amend certain Acts of the Republic of Singapore.

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act is the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2020 and, except for section 3, comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

(2) Section 3 is deemed to have come into operation on 30 November 2005.

Amendment of Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act

2. Section 55(7) of the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (Cap. 30C, 2008 Ed.) is amended by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (b)(i) and substituting the word “or”.

Amendment of Control of Plants Act

3. Section 2 of the Control of Plants Act (Cap. 57A, 2000 Ed.) is amended by deleting the words “Tenth Schedule” in the definition of “prohibited pesticide” and substituting the words “Ninth Schedule”.

Amendment of National Arts Council Act

4.—(1) The National Arts Council Act (Cap. 193A, 2014 Ed.) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “Chairman” in section 2 and substituting the following definition:

““Chairman” means a member of the Council who is appointed under paragraph 2A(1) of the First Schedule as the Chairman of the Council, and includes any person appointed under that Schedule to act as the Chairman;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “Deputy Chairman” in section 2 and substituting the following definition:

““Deputy Chairman” means a member of the Council who is appointed under paragraph 2A(1) of the First Schedule as the Deputy Chairman of the Council, and includes

any person appointed under that Schedule to act as the Deputy Chairman;”;

- (c) by deleting subsection (1) of section 4 and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) The Council consists of not less than 11 but not more than 27 members.”;

- (d) by deleting the words “Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and other” in paragraph 1(1) of the First Schedule;

- (e) by deleting the words “Chairman, Deputy Chairman and other” in the paragraph heading of paragraph 1 of the First Schedule; and

- (f) by deleting paragraph 2 of the First Schedule and substituting the following paragraphs:

“Tenure of appointment as member

2.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), each member of the Council holds office for a period of 3 years or for a shorter period the Minister determines for that member.

(2) A member of the Council may be re-appointed.

(3) A member of the Council ceases to hold office if —

(a) he dies;

(b) his appointment is revoked by the Minister under paragraph 5;

(c) he resigns under paragraph 6; or

(d) he vacates his office under paragraph 7.

Tenure as Chairman or Deputy Chairman

2A.—(1) The Minister may appoint —

(a) a member (other than the Chief Executive) to be the Chairman of the Council for a period the Minister determines, being not longer than 3 years; and

(b) a member (other than the Chairman or Chief Executive) to be the Deputy Chairman of the Council for a period the Minister determines, being not longer than 3 years.

(2) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman may be re-appointed in accordance with this paragraph.

(3) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman holds office until whichever of the following first happens:

- (a) his term of office as Chairman or Deputy Chairman (as the case may be) expires;
- (b) he ceases to hold office as a member;
- (c) the Minister revokes the appointment as Chairman or Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.”.

(2) Every individual who, immediately before the date of commencement of subsection (1), holds office as a member or the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the National Arts Council is, starting that date, deemed to be appointed as a member or the Chairman or Deputy Chairman (as the case may be) under the National Arts Council Act as amended by subsection (1).

Amendment of Penal Code

5.—(1) Section 40(2) of the Penal Code (Cap. 224, 2008 Ed.) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “Chapters IV,”, “IVA,”.

(2) The Penal Code as amended by the Criminal Law Reform Act 2019 (Act 15 of 2019) is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “intentionally” in section 26D(3), the words “or with wilful blindness”.

Amendment of Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises Act

6.—(1) The Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises Act (Cap. 298, 1985 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 3” in the definition of “Corporation” in section 2 and substituting the words “section 3(1)”;
- (b) by renumbering section 3 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) The Corporation may perform any of its functions or carry out any of its duties under one or more business names as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify.”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “1st January and end on 31st December of each year except that the financial year of the Corporation for 1987 shall begin on 1st April and shall end on 31st December 1987” in section 24 and substituting the words “1 April each year and end on 31 March of the following year”.

(2) Where subsection (1)(c) comes into force before the end of the financial year of the Singapore Corporation of Rehabilitative Enterprises prescribed before the commencement of this section, that financial year is extended to end on 31 March of the following year.

Amendment of Singapore Sports Council Act

7.—(1) The Singapore Sports Council Act (Cap. 305, 2014 Ed.) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “Chairman” in section 2 and substituting the following definition:

““Chairman” means a member of the Council who is appointed under section 4A(1)(a) as the Chairman of the Council;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Council” in section 2, the following definition:

““Deputy Chairman” means a member of the Council who is appointed under section 4A(1)(b) as the Deputy Chairman of the Council;”;

- (c) by deleting subsection (1) of section 4 and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The Council consists of not less than 7 but not more than 15 members, each of whom is to be appointed by the Minister.

(1A) One of the members (who is not the Chairman) may be the Chief Executive Officer.”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following section:

“Tenure as Chairman or Deputy Chairman

4A.—(1) The Minister may appoint —

(a) a member (other than the Chief Executive Officer) to be the Chairman of the Council for a period the Minister determines, being not longer than 3 years; and

(b) a member (other than the Chairman or Chief Executive Officer) to be the Deputy Chairman of the Council for a period the Minister determines, being not longer than 3 years.

(2) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman may be re-appointed in accordance with this section.

(3) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman holds office until whichever of the following first happens:

(a) his term of office as Chairman or Deputy Chairman (as the case may be) expires;

(b) he ceases to hold office as a member;

(c) the Minister revokes the appointment as Chairman or Deputy Chairman, as the case may be.”.

(2) Every individual who, immediately before the date of commencement of subsection (1), holds office as a member or the Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Singapore Sports Council is, starting that date, deemed to be appointed as a member or the Chairman or Deputy Chairman (as the case may be) under the Singapore Sports Council Act as amended by subsection (1).
