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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 14 October 2024 and assented to by the President on 8 November 2024:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 32 of 2024.

I assent.

THARMAN SHANMUGARATNAM,

President.

8 November 2024.

(LS)

An Act to make miscellaneous amendments to certain Acts.

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

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2024 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004

2.—(1) In the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004, in section 92(4)(b), replace “interrogatories” with “discovery of facts”.

(2) In subsection (1), “Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004” means —

- (a) the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act 2004; or
- (b) the Building (Strata Management) Act 2004, on or after the date of commencement of section 48(b) of the Building Control (Amendment) Act 2020.

Amendment of Copyright Act 2021

3. In the Copyright Act 2021 —

- (a) in section 61(1)(c), replace “in way” with “in a way”;
- (b) in section 313, replace the definition of “network services provider” or “NSP” with —

““network service provider” or “NSP” means a person who provides, or operates facilities for, online services or network access; and —

- (a) includes a network connection provider; but
 - (b) does not include any prescribed person or class of persons;”;
- (c) in section 450(2), replace paragraph (a) with —

“(a) the person does an act that causes a protected performance to be seen or heard live in public (or both);”; and

(d) in section 450, after subsection (2), insert —

“(3) A person commits an offence if —

(a) the person does an act that causes a recording of a protected performance to be heard in public;

(b) the act is done for the person’s private profit; and

(c) the person knows or ought reasonably to know that the recording is an infringing copy of the protected performance.”.

Amendment of Criminal Procedure Code 2010

4. In the Criminal Procedure Code 2010 —

(a) in section 2(1), in the definition of “juvenile”, replace “7 years of age or above and” with “10 years of age or older but”;

(b) in section 2(1), in the definition of “juvenile”, replace “16 years of age” with “18 years of age”;

(c) in section 319(1)(f), after “process of law”, insert “, and the offender must be released from detention in prison as soon as reasonably practicable”;

(d) in section 319(1)(g), replace “then the imprisonment must end;” with —

“then —

(i) the imprisonment must end; and

(ii) the offender must be released from detention in prison as soon as reasonably practicable;”;

(e) in section 319(1)(h), replace the full-stop at the end with a semi-colon;

- (f) in section 319(1), after paragraph (h), insert —
- “(i) the fine must be paid using a designated mode of payment, and within a designated time, specified in a payment advice issued by the court to the offender.”;
- (g) in section 360(5), after “process of law”, insert “, and the person must be released from detention in prison as soon as reasonably practicable”; and
- (h) in section 360(6), replace “then the imprisonment must end.” with —
- “then —
- (a) the imprisonment must end; and
- (b) the person must be released from detention in prison as soon as reasonably practicable.”.

Amendment of Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018

5.—(1) In the Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018 (called in this section the principal Act) —

- (a) in section 250(7), in the definition of “relevant company”, delete paragraph (j);
- (b) in section 327(4)(a), replace “30 days” with “60 days”;
- (c) in section 368(4), delete “within the time mentioned in subsection (3)”; and
- (d) in section 368(4)(a), before “notice is served”, insert “within the time mentioned in subsection (3),”.

(2) Section 250(3)(c) read with section 250(7) of the principal Act (as in force immediately before the date of commencement of subsection (1)(a)) continues to apply, in relation to a foreign company if the proceeding for the foreign company’s liquidation or dissolution (as the case may be) had commenced in its place of formation or incorporation before that date.

(3) Section 327(4)(a) of the principal Act (as amended by subsection (1)(b)) applies to a bankruptcy order made on or after the 30th day before the date of commencement of subsection (1)(b).

(4) Section 368(4) of the principal Act (as amended by subsection (1)(c) and (d)) applies in relation to an enforcement order for seizure and sale of property issued before, on or after the date of commencement of subsection (1)(c) and (d).

Amendment of Interpretation Act 1965

6. In the Interpretation Act 1965, in section 2(1), after the definition of “High Court”, insert —

““His Majesty”, “Her Majesty”, “King”, “Queen” or “Sovereign”, in relation to the United Kingdom, means the Sovereign of the United Kingdom for the time being, and “His Britannic Majesty” and “Her Britannic Majesty” have corresponding meanings;”.

Amendment of Legal Aid and Advice Act 1995

7. In the Legal Aid and Advice Act 1995 —

(a) after section 2, insert —

“PART 1A

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID,
SOLICITORS, ETC.”;

(b) after section 4, insert —

“Protection from personal liability

4A.—(1) Subsection (2) applies where an act is done or omission is made —

(a) by the Director or any public officer appointed under section 3(3)(a) in the exercise or purported exercise of a function under this Act (except the provision of any legal advice or legal representation to an aided person in any

proceedings to which a Grant of Aid relates);

- (b) by an appointed solicitor in the exercise or purported exercise of a function under section 4(1) (including, if applicable, in discharging a duty of a solicitor mentioned in section 4(6));
- (c) by an appointed solicitor who is a member of a board mentioned in section 8(1)(b)(ii) in the exercise or purported exercise of the function under that provision (including, if applicable, in discharging a duty of a solicitor mentioned in section 4(6)); or
- (d) by a person authorised by the Minister under section 8(5), in the exercise or purported exercise of the power under section 8(4)(b).

(2) No liability shall lie personally against any person mentioned in subsection (1) who did the act or made the omission, if the act was done or the omission was made in good faith and with reasonable care.

(3) In subsection (1) —

“appointed solicitor” means a solicitor appointed to the panel of solicitors mentioned in section 4(1);

“exercise of a function” includes the performance of a duty.”;

(c) after section 6, insert —

“Application for legal aid in relation to appointment of deputy, etc.

6A.—(1) This section applies where —

- (a) a person (*P*) lacks capacity within the meaning of section 4 of the Mental Capacity Act 2008; and

(b) a professional deputy makes an application for legal aid under section 6 in relation to —

(i) a proceeding to be appointed as *P*'s deputy under section 20(2)(b) of the Mental Capacity Act 2008; or

(ii) a proceeding to vary or amend an order made under section 20 of the Mental Capacity Act 2008, in relation to *P*.

(2) Despite section 8, in considering an application by a professional deputy mentioned in subsection (1), the Director is to —

(a) make inquiries under section 7(a) as to the means and condition of *P* (instead of the professional deputy); and

(b) consider under section 8(1)(a) or (2)(b) whether *P* satisfies the prescribed means criteria (instead of the professional deputy).

(3) The Minister may exercise his or her powers under section 8(4)(b) or (5) even though the Director is of the opinion that *P* does not satisfy or is not likely to satisfy the prescribed means criteria, and the reference in section 8(5) to the financial circumstances of an applicant is to be read as a reference to the financial circumstances of *P*.

(4) The privileges mentioned in section 22(1) do not arise in relation to any information tendered to the Director concerning the property or income of *P* in relation to the professional deputy's application for a Grant of Aid.

(5) In this section, "professional deputy" means a person who —

- (a) is registered as a professional deputy under section 25A of the Mental Capacity Act 2008; or
 - (b) meets such other criteria as may be prescribed.”;
- (d) in section 12(6)(a), replace “where, in respect of such property, there is a charge created under section 22A(3) in favour of any fund established under this Act;” with “; or”;
- (e) in section 12(6)(b), replace “; or” at the end with a comma;
- (f) in section 12(6), delete paragraph (c);
- (g) in section 14(4), replace “taxed” with “assessed”;
- (h) in section 16, after subsection (6), insert —
 - “(7) The Director may, in the Director’s discretion and in accordance with any regulations made under this Act, reduce any costs, or waive or refund the whole or any part of any costs, that a person is liable to pay to the Director under subsection (3).”;
- (i) in section 22A, replace subsections (3) and (4) with —
 - “(3) Unless the regulations made under this Act provide otherwise, any sum remaining unpaid on account of a person’s contribution in respect of any matter for which legal aid has been granted may be deducted from any property that is recovered or preserved for that person in the proceedings connected to the matter.
 - (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), a reference to any property recovered or preserved for a person in any proceedings includes a reference to both of the following:
 - (a) the person’s rights under any settlement or compromise to avoid, or to end, those proceedings;

(b) any sums recovered by the person as damages or costs under an order made in the person's favour in those proceedings (other than any sums payable to the Director under section 14 or 16),

but excludes a reference to any compensation paid or payable to the person under the Work Injury Compensation Act 2019 or the Work Injury Compensation Act (Cap. 354, 2009 Revised Edition) in those proceedings.”;

(j) in section 22A(5), replace “The charge under subsection (3)” with “Subsection (3)”;

(k) after section 22A, insert —

“Recovery as debt due to Government

22B.—(1) The Director may take proceedings to recover the following as a debt due to the Government:

(a) any money remaining unpaid that the aided person is liable to pay to the Director under section 13(6) or 16(3);

(b) any contribution remaining unpaid that the aided person is required to make under section 22A(1).

(2) Without affecting the Limitation Act 1959 and any other written law, the Director may take proceedings to recover any money or contribution under subsection (1) that was due before the date of commencement of section 7(k) of the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2024 and remains unpaid on or after that date.”;

(l) in section 23, delete subsection (4); and

(m) in the Schedule, in Part 1, in paragraph 1, after “General Division of the High Court,” insert “the Family Division of the High Court,”.

Dissolution of Legal Aid Fund

8.—(1) The Legal Aid Fund established under the Legal Aid and Advice Act 1995 is dissolved.

(2) Upon the dissolution of the fund mentioned in subsection (1) during any term of office of the Government (within the meaning of the Constitution), the balance of the moneys remaining in the fund must be transferred to the Consolidated Fund and be added to the reserves of the Government not accumulated by it during that term of office.

Amendment of Moneylenders Act 2008

9.—(1) In the Moneylenders Act 2008 —

(a) in section 2, in the definition of “excluded moneylender”, replace paragraph (d) with —

“(d) any person who carries on the business of pawnbroking in accordance with section 6(2)(a), (b), (c) or (d) of the Pawnbrokers Act 2015;”;

(b) in section 66(1), replace paragraph (b) with —

“(b) if the applicant is a body corporate other than a limited liability partnership —

(i) its name, the address of its place of business or registered office, its telephone number, the date and place of its incorporation and its incorporation number;

(ii) the name, personal identification number (such as national registration identity card number, birth certificate number or passport number) and residential address of each of its officers;

(iii) the name, place of incorporation, incorporation number and address

of the place of business or registered office of each of its substantial shareholders that are corporations, if any; and

- (iv) the name, personal identification number (such as national registration identity card number, birth certificate number or passport number) and residential address of each of its substantial shareholders who are individuals, if any;

(*ba*) if the applicant is a limited liability partnership —

- (i) its name, the address of its place of business or registered office, its telephone number, the date and place of its incorporation and its incorporation number;
- (ii) the name, personal identification number (such as national registration identity card number, birth certificate number or passport number) and residential address of each of its managers;
- (iii) the name, place of incorporation, incorporation number and address of the place of business or registered office of each of its partners that are corporations, if any; and
- (iv) the name, personal identification number (such as national registration identity card number, birth certificate number or passport number) and residential address of

each of its partners who are individuals, if any;” and

(c) in section 66A(2)(a), replace “and (4)(a)” with “and (4)”.

(2) Section 66 of the Moneylenders Act 2008 (as in force immediately before the date of commencement of subsection (1)(b)) continues to apply in relation to an application for a loan that is pending immediately before that date.

Amendment of Pawnbrokers Act 2015

10.—(1) In the Pawnbrokers Act 2015 —

(a) in section 2(1), in the definition of “identification information”, in paragraph (a), replace sub-paragraph (v) with —

“(v) if the individual is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, the individual’s foreign identification number or foreign passport number; and”;

(b) in section 7(2)(b), replace “the prescribed fee” with “a non-refundable application fee of a prescribed amount”;

(c) in section 9(3)(b), replace “the prescribed fee” with “a non-refundable application fee of a prescribed amount”;

(d) after section 9, insert —

“Licence fees

9A.—(1) An applicant for the grant or renewal of a licence must pay the prescribed licence fee to the Registrar before the licence is granted or renewed.

(2) Different licence fees may be prescribed in respect of different classes of licences.

(3) The licence fee is not refundable if —

(a) the licence is revoked or suspended; or

(b) the licensee ceases to carry on the business of pawnbroking before the licence expires.

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- (4) Despite subsection (3), the Registrar may, in any particular case that the Registrar considers appropriate, refund or remit the whole or any part of the licence fee paid or payable under this Act.”;
- (e) in section 10(3)(a), replace “fee for the grant or renewal (as the case may be) of the licence” with “licence fee”;
- (f) in section 10(3), replace paragraph (e) with —
- “(e) a substantial shareholder of the applicant —
- (i) is a disqualified person;
 - (ii) is, in the Registrar’s opinion, not of good character;
 - (iii) is, in the Registrar’s opinion, not a fit and proper person to have a substantial shareholding in the applicant’s business of pawnbroking; or
 - (iv) has carried on the business of pawnbroking in Singapore or elsewhere in a way that, in the Registrar’s opinion, makes the applicant unfit to hold a licence;”;
- (g) in section 12, replace subsection (2) with —
- “(2) In relation to subsection (1), the Registrar may —
- (a) on application by a licensee, approve a person to become a substantial shareholder of the licensee by an increase of the person’s shareholding;
 - (b) on application by a licensee, approve an increase of a person’s substantial shareholding in the licensee; or

- (c) subject to section 16, direct a substantial shareholder to reduce its shareholding in a licensee.”;
- (h) in section 13, replace paragraphs (a) and (b) with —
 - “(a) the relevant person is a disqualified person;
 - (b) the relevant person is, in the Registrar’s opinion, not of good character;
 - (c) the relevant person is, in the Registrar’s opinion, not a fit and proper person to have a substantial shareholding in the applicant’s business of pawnbroking;
 - (d) the relevant person has carried on the business of pawnbroking in Singapore or elsewhere in a way that, in the Registrar’s opinion, makes the person unfit to hold a licence.”;
- (i) in section 38(2), replace paragraph (b) with —
 - “(b) the date on which the decision takes effect unless the licensee makes representations under subsection (4).”;
- (j) in section 38, replace subsection (5) with —
 - “(5) The Registrar must, before making a final decision, consider any representation made by the licensee under subsection (4).”;
- (k) in section 38(6), replace “, on or after the date in subsection (2)(b),” with “, if representations were made under subsection (4),”;
- (l) in section 38(7), replace “In the case of a decision to suspend or revoke a licence, the” with “The”;
- (m) replace section 39 with —

“Appeal to Minister

39.—(1) A person aggrieved by the Registrar’s decision under section 36 or 37 may appeal to the Minister not later than 14 days after the day on which —

(a) the Registrar’s decision is to take effect under section 38(2)(b); or

(b) the written notice under section 38(6) is given to the licensee.

(2) The decision appealed against under subsection (1) does not take effect unless it is confirmed by the Minister or the appeal is for any reason dismissed by the Minister or is withdrawn.”;

(n) in section 41(1)(b), delete “or” at the end;

(o) in section 41(1), replace paragraph (c) with —

“(c) where a licensee —

(i) has been given written notice under section 38(2) of the Registrar’s intention to revoke the licence under section 36(2)(b); and

(ii) has not made representations before the date specified in that written notice,

even if the licensee has appealed against the Registrar’s decision; or

(d) where —

(i) the licensee has made representations; and

(ii) the Registrar has, under section 38(6), notified the licensee of the Registrar’s final decision to revoke the licence under section 36(2)(b),

even if the licensee has appealed against the Registrar’s decision.”;

- (p) in section 43(4)(c), replace “the prescribed fee” with “a non-refundable application fee of a prescribed amount”;
- (q) in section 83(1)(f), after “including”, insert “application fees and”;
- (r) in the Second Schedule, in paragraph 4, after “fee of”, insert “up to”; and
- (s) in the Second Schedule, in paragraph 4(b), delete “for the fee”.

(2) Section 10(3)(e) of the Pawnbrokers Act 2015 (as amended by subsection (1)(f)) only applies in relation to an application for a grant or renewal of a licence, that is made on or after the date of commencement of subsection (1)(f).

(3) Section 13 of the Pawnbrokers Act 2015 (as amended by subsection (1)(h)) only applies in relation to an application for a person to become a substantial shareholder of a licensee or to increase the person’s substantial shareholding in a licensee, that is made on or after the date of commencement of subsection (1)(h).

(4) Sections 38, 39 and 41 of the Pawnbrokers Act 2015 (as amended by subsection (1)(i) to (o)) only apply to decisions in respect of which a written notice of the Registrar’s intention to make a decision, under section 38(2) of the Pawnbrokers Act 2015, is given on or after the date of commencement of subsection (1)(i) to (o).

Amendment of Public Defenders Act 2022

11. In the Public Defenders Act 2022 —

- (a) in section 12(1)(c)(ii), before “of the opinion”, insert “, by the majority of its members,”;

- (b) in section 19(3), replace “taxed” with “assessed”; and
(c) replace the Schedule with —

“THE SCHEDULE

Section 8(2) and (3)

EXCLUDED OFFENCES AND
EXCLUDED CLASSES OF OFFENCES

PART 1

GENERAL

Capital offences

1. An offence is an excluded offence if it is punishable by death.

Part 2 offences

2. An offence under any Act mentioned in Part 2 of this Schedule, or under any subsidiary legislation made under any of those Acts, is an excluded offence.

Part 3 offences prosecuted in certain ways

3. An offence is an excluded offence if —

- (a) it is an offence under an Act mentioned in Part 3 of this Schedule or under any subsidiary legislation made under any of those Acts; and
(b) the accused person is served a notice to attend court or a summons for the offence.

Offences prosecuted by statutory bodies, etc.

4.—(1) An offence is an excluded offence if the accused person is served a notice to attend court or a summons for the offence by an officer of a statutory body.

(2) In this paragraph, “statutory body” has the meaning given by paragraph (b) of the definition of “public body” in section 2(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

Offences prosecuted by private persons

5. An offence is an excluded offence if it is prosecuted or to be prosecuted by a private person under section 11(10) of the Criminal Procedure Code 2010.

PART 2

PART 2 OFFENCES

1. Betting Act 1960 (as in force before 1 August 2022)
2. Casino Control Act 2006
3. Common Gaming Houses Act 1961 (as in force before 1 August 2022)
4. Gambling Control Act 2022
5. Massage Establishments Act 2017
6. Organised Crime Act 2015
7. Remote Gambling Act 2014 (as in force before 1 August 2022)
8. Terrorism (Suppression of Bombings) Act 2007
9. Terrorism (Suppression of Financing) Act 2002
10. Terrorism (Suppression of Misuse of Radioactive Material) Act 2017

PART 3

PART 3 OFFENCES

1. Advance Medical Directive Act 1996
2. Bankruptcy Act (Cap. 20, 2009 Revised Edition) (as in force before 30 July 2020)
3. Child Development Co-Savings Act 2001
4. Customs Act 1960
5. Employment Act 1968
6. Employment Agencies Act 1958
7. Employment Claims Act 2016
8. Employment of Foreign Manpower Act 1990
9. Enlistment Act 1970
10. Fire Safety Act 1993
11. Foreign Employee Dormitories Act 2015
12. Goods and Services Tax Act 1993
13. Health Products Act 2007

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14. Health Promotion Board Act 2001
 15. Health Sciences Authority Act 2001
 16. Immigration Act 1959
 17. Infectious Diseases Act 1976
 18. Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018
 19. Medical and Elderly Care Endowment Schemes Act 2000
 20. Medicines (Advertisement and Sale) Act 1955
 21. Medicines Act 1975
 22. Moneylenders Act 2008
 23. National Registration Act 1965
 24. Passports Act 2007
 25. Pawnbrokers Act 2015
 26. Personal Data Protection Act 2012
 27. Poisons Act 1938
 28. Registration of Births and Deaths Act 2021
 29. Regulation of Imports and Exports Act 1995
 30. Retirement and Re-employment Act 1993
 31. Road Traffic Act 1961
 32. Sale of Drugs Act 1914 (as in force before 1 June 2024)
 33. Singapore Armed Forces Act 1972
 34. Termination of Pregnancy Act 1974
 35. Tobacco (Control of Advertisements and Sale) Act 1993
 36. Town Councils Act 1988
 37. Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act 2000
 38. Work Injury Compensation Act 2019
 39. Workplace Safety and Health Act 2006”.

Amendment of Revised Edition of the Laws Act 1983

12. In the Revised Edition of the Laws Act 1983 —

- (a) in section 2, in the definition of “revised edition of Acts”, replace “section 3” with “this Act”;

- (b) in section 2, in the definition of “revised edition of subsidiary legislation”, replace “the revised edition, prepared under the authority of section 3” with “a revised edition, prepared under the authority of this Act”;
- (c) in section 3(1), replace “a revised edition of subsidiary legislation” with “one or more revised editions of subsidiary legislation”;
- (d) in section 3, after subsection (5), insert —
- “(6) Where any power is conferred by this Act upon the Commissioners to make any notification or order, or authorise any thing or matter to be done, it is sufficient if the exercise of such power by the Commissioners is signified by the Attorney-General or any other Commissioner.”;
- (e) in section 15(1), replace “There must be issued, as supplementary to the revised edition of Acts, a revised edition” with “The Commissioners may issue, as supplementary to the revised edition of Acts, one or more revised editions”;
- (f) in section 15(2), replace “In the preparation of the revised edition of subsidiary legislation” with “In the preparation of a revised edition of subsidiary legislation”;
- (g) in section 15(3), replace “the revised edition” wherever it appears with “a revised edition”;
- (h) in section 15, after subsection (4), insert —
- “(5) Where the Commissioners, in exercise of their powers under subsection (2) read with section 4(1)(f), have (whether before, on or after the date of commencement of section 12 of the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Act 2024) consolidated into one subsidiary legislation (called the consolidated subsidiary legislation) any 2 or more pieces of subsidiary legislation in pari materia and made by or under the same authority (whether or not

those pieces of subsidiary legislation had been revised by the Commissioners), the consolidated subsidiary legislation may be amended by or under that same authority as if it were made by or under that authority.”;

(i) replace section 16 with —

“Subsidiary legislation not revised remains in force

16. Despite anything to the contrary in this Act, any subsidiary legislation that is not revised by the Commissioners remains in force until it has been expressly revoked or has expired, become spent or had effect.”;

(j) in section 17(1), replace “the revised edition” with “every revised edition”;

(k) in section 17(3), replace “The revised edition” with “Every revised edition”;

(l) in section 17(5), replace “As soon as practicable after 1 January of the year in which the revised edition of subsidiary legislation comes into force and thereafter after 1 January of each succeeding year, the Commissioners must, with the intent that the revised edition of subsidiary legislation must be annually revised,” with “Despite anything in section 15, the Commissioners may from time to time”;

(m) in section 17(5), replace paragraph (b) with —

“(b) of any single piece of subsidiary legislation, whether or not it has been amended after it came into force and whether or not it is made under or by virtue of any Act.”;

(n) in sections 17(6), 23(1)(b) and 24, replace “the revised edition of subsidiary legislation” with “any revised edition of subsidiary legislation”; and

(o) in section 20(2), replace “revised edition” with “relevant revised edition”.

Amendment of Women’s Charter 1961

13. In the Women’s Charter 1961, in section 126B(1)(a) (as inserted by section 35 of the Women’s Charter (Amendment) Act 2022), replace “section 126(2)(d)” with “section 126”.

Amendment of Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2022

14. In the Statutes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act 2022, in section 12(5), delete paragraph (a).
