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Police Force (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 1/2002.

Read the first time on 1st April 2002.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Police Force Act (Chapter 235 of the 1985 Revised Edition).

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 may be cited as the Police Force (Amendment) Act 2002 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 New section 58B

2. The Police Force Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 58A, the following section:

“Intelligence officers

10 **58B.**—(1) An intelligence officer who is designated by the Minister for the purposes of this section —

(a) shall have all the powers of investigation conferred on police officers in relation to the investigation of offences under the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68) or under such other written law as the
15 Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe and shall be deemed to be a police officer not below the rank of inspector of police; and

(b) shall be entitled to such protection and privilege under section 37 as if he were a police officer.

20 (2) An intelligence officer so designated by the Minister under subsection (1) shall also be deemed to be a police officer for the purposes of the Internal Security Act (Cap. 143).

25 (3) The Minister may, in his discretion, confer the powers of an Assistant Superintendent of Police or Superintendent of Police under such written law as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe, on such intelligence officer as he may determine.

(4) Apart from this section and section 37, this Act shall not apply to any intelligence officer.

30 (5) In this section, “intelligence officer” means a public officer who is appointed to the Intelligence Service.”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Police Force Act (Cap. 235) for the following purposes:

- (a) to confer on designated intelligence officers, for the purposes of investigation, all the powers of investigation of inspectors of police under the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68) or under such other written law as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe;
- (b) to provide immunities for such intelligence officers relating to acts done in obedience to a warrant issued under section 37; and
- (c) to empower the Minister to confer the powers of an Assistant Superintendent of Police or Superintendent of Police under such written law as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe, on such intelligence officer as he may determine.

The intelligence officers to be designated are those doing work that require police powers of investigation, and would include former police officers who opt to be absorbed into the Intelligence Service.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.
