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An Act to provide for the raising and maintenance of a National Cadet Corps and for matters connected therewith.

[1 April 1973]

Short title

1. This Act is the National Cadet Corps Act 1972.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires — "cadet" means a person enrolled in the Corps under section 8;

- "Commandant" means the person for the time being appointed under section 6;
- "commanding officer" means an officer for the time being commanding a unit of the Corps;
- "Corps" means the National Cadet Corps established under this Act;
- "Council" means the National Cadet Corps Council established under section 5;
- "member" means any officer or cadet appointed or enrolled in the Corps (as the case may be) and includes a person undergoing an officer cadet course;
- "officer" means a person appointed as such by the Minister under section 9;
- "permanent resident" means any person who is not subject to any restriction as to the person's period of residence imposed under any written law relating to immigration for the time being in force in Singapore;
- "school" has the meaning given by the Education Act 1957;
- "Singapore Armed Forces" means the Singapore Armed Forces raised and maintained under the provisions of the Singapore Armed Forces Act 1972.

Raising and maintenance of National Cadet Corps

3. There is to be raised and maintained in the manner provided in this Act a corps to be known as the National Cadet Corps.

Organisation

- **4.**—(1) The Corps consist of such headquarters, units, training institutions, services, departments or other like bodies as the Minister may from time to time establish.
- (2) The Corps are to be a unified corps consisting of land, maritime and air divisions and may consist of such numbers of cadets as the Minister may from time to time determine.

- (3) The Corps are to be affiliated to the Singapore Armed Forces for the purposes of training but members of the Corps are not to be members of the Singapore Armed Forces.
- (4) The Minister may disband any unit, training institution, service, department or other body established under subsection (1) in whole or in part or amalgamate any such unit, training institution, service, department or other body or alter the name or title thereof.

Establishment of National Cadet Corps Council

- **5.**—(1) For the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Corps, there is established the National Cadet Corps Council consisting of a Chairperson to be appointed by the Minister, a Deputy Chairperson and 2 members to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, and such other members as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.
- (2) The Council is empowered to delegate any of its functions and powers to any officer of the Singapore Armed Forces or to any officer appointed under this Act.
- (3) The Council may meet at intervals that it thinks fit and may regulate its own procedure.

Appointment of Commandant

- **6.**—(1) The Minister must, on the recommendation of the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, appoint a Commandant who must exercise executive command of the Corps and who is responsible to the Council in matters of administration affecting the recruitment, promotion, training, conditions of service, finance and discipline of the Corps.
- (2) The Commandant may, from time to time, make general or routine orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any regulations made under this Act, for the control, direction and information of the Corps that the Commandant thinks fit and it is not necessary to publish such general or routine orders in the *Gazette*.
- (3) The Council may appoint a Deputy Commandant and so many other Assistant Commandants as the Council may think necessary to