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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 25 March 2020 and assented to by the President on 27 April 2020:—

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No. 18 of 2020.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
27 April 2020.



An Act to amend the Wild Animals and Birds Act (Chapter 351 of the 2000 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 is the Wild Animals and Birds (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Repeal and re-enactment of long title

2. The long title to the Wild Animals and Birds Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is repealed and the following long title substituted therefor:

“An Act for the protection, preservation and management of wildlife for the purposes of maintaining a healthy ecosystem and safeguarding public safety and health, and for related matters.”.

Amendment of section 1

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Wild Animals and Birds Act” and substituting the words “Wildlife Act”.

Amendment of section 2

4. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “authorised officer”, the following definitions:

““animal” includes any mammal, bird, reptile, amphibian, fish or invertebrate, whether of a wild nature or otherwise;

“animal-related business” means —

(a) the operation of any place or establishment for the purpose of —

(i) using or holding animals for display, sport, entertainment, sale, breeding or conservation;
or

(ii) the care, boarding, grooming, treatment, vaccination, inoculation, training or destruction of animals, for reward;

(b) the provision of any service relating to the care, boarding, grooming, treatment, vaccination, inoculation, training, transportation, capture or destruction of animals, for reward; or

(c) the operation of any animal rescue or welfare organisation or facility,

but does not include any business in respect of animals intended for consumption;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Board”, the following definition:

““conveyance” includes any vehicle, vessel, train, aircraft or other mode of transport;”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “wild animals and birds” and substituting the following definitions:

““enforcement officer” means an authorised officer, a police officer or an officer of customs;

“limited liability partnership” has the meaning given by the Limited Liability Partnerships Act (Cap. 163A);

“officer of customs” has the meaning given by the Customs Act (Cap. 70);

“owner” includes any person for the time being in charge of any wildlife (whether alive or dead), part of a wildlife, article, conveyance or other thing, and any person for the time being in occupation of any building;

“place” means any public or private place and includes —

(a) any land, whether built on or not;

(b) any body of water; and

(c) any area, whether or not enclosed, and whether above-ground, underground or underwater;

“police officer” means a member of the Police Force or a special police officer, as defined in the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

“protected wildlife” means a wildlife that belongs to a protected wildlife species;

“protected wildlife species” means a wildlife species prescribed as a protected wildlife species for the purposes of this Act;

“reward” means any payment or other benefit (whether monetary or otherwise);

“seized item” means any wildlife (whether dead or alive), part of a wildlife, article, conveyance or other thing seized by an enforcement officer under this Act;

“wildlife” means an animal that belongs to a wildlife species, and includes the young or egg of the animal;

“wildlife species” means any species of animals of a wild nature, but excludes domestic dogs and cats, horses, cattle, sheep, goats, domestic pigs and poultry.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3

5. Section 3 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Operation of other written laws

3.—(1) To avoid doubt, nothing in this Act affects or limits the operation of the following written laws:

- (a) the Animals and Birds Act (Cap. 7);
- (b) the Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act (Cap. 30C);
- (c) the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 41);
- (d) the Control of Vectors and Pesticides Act (Cap. 59);
- (e) the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act (Cap. 92A);
- (f) the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 95);
- (g) the Executive Condominium Housing Scheme Act (Cap. 99A);
- (h) the Fisheries Act (Cap. 111);
- (i) the Housing and Development Act (Cap. 129);
- (j) the HUDC Housing Estates Act (Cap. 131);
- (k) the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137);
- (l) the Jurong Town Corporation Act (Cap. 150);
- (m) the Parks and Trees Act (Cap. 216);
- (n) the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261);
- (o) the Sentosa Development Corporation Act (Cap. 291).

(2) To also avoid doubt, nothing in this Act affects a police officer’s powers or duties under the Criminal Procedure Code (Cap. 68) or any other written law.”.

New section 4A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 4, the following section: