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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 12 February 2019 and assented to by the President on 7 March 2019:—

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**No. 10 of 2019.**

I assent.



HALIMAH YACOB,  
*President.*  
7 March 2019.

An Act to amend the National Parks Board Act (Chapter 198A of the 2012 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other 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 National Parks Board (Amendment) Act 2019 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

**Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the National Parks Board Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “animal” and substituting the following definitions:

““animal” includes a mammal (other than a human being), a bird, a reptile, an amphibian, a fish, a mollusc, an arthropod, and the young or egg of any animal;

“animal-related services” includes any of the following activities:

(a) bathing, grooming or clipping of animals;

(b) treatment, vaccination or inoculation of animals;

(c) providing accommodation or boarding to or training of animals;

(d) exhibiting (whether or not for sale) of animals;

(e) trapping, restraining or immobilising animals;

“animal-related services industry” means an industry consisting of persons carrying out any animal-related services in the course of business;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b) of the definition of “landscape industry”, the following paragraph:

“(c) the growing and supply of flowers and ornamental plants;”;

- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “plant”, the following definition:

““public authority” means a body corporate established by a public Act for the purposes of a public function;”; and

- (d) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “public park” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

““subdelegate” means a person to whom a delegate under section 10(2) further delegates the performance or exercise of any of the Board’s functions, duties or powers;

“transfer date” means a date specified by the Minister by order in the *Gazette* for the purposes of Part VII;

“veterinary establishment” means any premises or place in which veterinary medicine is practised or veterinary services are provided;

“veterinary medicine” means any branch or art of veterinary medicine and includes veterinary surgery;

“veterinary product” means any chemical, substance or equipment used or designed for use in the practice of veterinary medicine or the provision of veterinary services;

“veterinary science industry” means an industry consisting of persons carrying on business, or who engage in commercial activity, involving all or any of the following:

(a) the practice of veterinary medicine;

(b) the provision of veterinary services;

(c) the management of a veterinary establishment;

(d) the supply of veterinary products;

“veterinary service” means a service provided in relation to an animal in the control or the possession of a person for any of the following purposes:

(a) assessing, recording, maintaining or improving the health, welfare, comfort or wellbeing of the animal;

(b) diagnosing or treating an illness, disability, disorder or condition of the animal;

(c) examining or attending to the animal, including administering a veterinary product to or performing any surgical procedure on the animal;

(d) performing any cosmetic procedure (including surgery) on the animal;

(e) castrating or spaying of the animal;

(f) giving advice based on a diagnosis or an examination mentioned in paragraph (b) or (c) or connected with a procedure in paragraph (d) or (e), including prescribing treatment, drugs, medications or medical appliances.”.

### **Amendment of section 6**

**3.** Section 6 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (c) of subsection (1), the following paragraphs:

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- “(ca) to promote and protect the welfare, safety and health of animals, including controlling the following:
- (i) the use of animals in research, testing or teaching;
  - (ii) the supply of veterinary products;
  - (iii) the trapping or killing of animals in a wild state;
- (cb) to manage the animal population in Singapore;
- (cc) to prevent and manage threats and risks —
- (i) to animal health, animal welfare or plant health or all of them;
  - (ii) to terrestrial and aquatic environments arising from animals or plants, or pests or diseases carried by animals or plants; and
  - (iii) to public health and safety from animals or plants, or pests or diseases carried by animals or plants;
- (cd) to regulate trade in endangered species of animals and plants;
- (ce) to regulate veterinary establishments, practitioners of veterinary medicine and persons who provide veterinary services in the course of business;
- (cf) to cooperate and collaborate in particular with —
- (i) any public officer, public authority or Health Officer in the administration of the Infectious Diseases Act (Cap. 137);