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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 20 November 2018 and assented to by the President on 21 December 2018:—

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No. 53 of 2018.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,

President.

21 December 2018.



An Act to amend the Civil Defence Act (Chapter 42 of the 2001 Revised Edition), the Immigration Act (Chapter 133 of the 2008 Revised Edition), the Police Force Act (Chapter 235 of the 2006 Revised Edition) and the Prisons Act (Chapter 247 of the 2000 Revised Edition), and to make related amendments to the Enlistment Act (Chapter 93 of the 2001 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 Civil Defence and Other Matters Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

PART 1**AMENDMENTS TO CIVIL DEFENCE ACT****Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Civil Defence Act (Cap. 42) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “emergency services”, the following definition:

““ex-NSman” means a former operationally ready national serviceman;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the word “include” in the definition of “member”, the words “a volunteer ex-NSman or”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “police officer”, the following definition:

““prescribed civil defence emergency device” means —

(a) a public warning device; or

(b) such device for the detection or monitoring of a civil defence emergency as may be prescribed,

and includes a prescribed civil defence emergency device installed by the Commissioner, with the agreement of the owner of the premises, before the date of commencement of section 20 of the Civil Defence and Other Matters Act 2018;”;

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

““volunteer ex-NSman” means an ex-NSman enrolled as a volunteer ex-NSman under section 9A.”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the Civil Defence Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of subsection (1)(a);
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(c) to carry out, on a day-to-day basis, operations for the protection of the life, health or safety of individuals, whether or not arising out of a civil defence emergency.”; and

- (c) by deleting the word “warning” in subsection (2)(g) and substituting the words “civil defence emergency”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Section 5(3) of the Civil Defence Act is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (b), the following paragraph:

“(ba) volunteer ex-NSmen enrolled under section 9A;”.

Amendment of section 6

5. Section 6(3) of the Civil Defence Act is amended by deleting the word “The” and substituting the words “Unless otherwise provided, the”.

Amendment of section 7

6. Section 7 of the Civil Defence Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and confer any rank on any such auxiliary member” in subsection (2); and
- (b) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following subsection:

“(4) The Minister may, from time to time, authorise such allowances to be paid to auxiliary members for their services.”.

New sections 9A and 9B

7. The Civil Defence Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 9, the following sections:

“Volunteer ex-NSmen

9A.—(1) The Commissioner may enrol under this section, as a volunteer ex-NSman, any ex-NSman who was enlisted as a national serviceman in the Force where —

- (a) the Commissioner wants that ex-NSman to continue to serve in the Force; and
- (b) the ex-NSman is offering his service.

(2) The provisions of sections 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 30 of the Enlistment Act (Cap. 93) affecting any person who is liable for operationally ready national service apply (so far as relevant) to a volunteer ex-NSman enrolled under this section as if the volunteer ex-NSman were an individual liable for operationally ready national service, with such prescribed exceptions, modifications and adaptations as the differences between an operationally ready national serviceman and a volunteer ex-NSman require.

(3) The provisions of any other existing law that relate to an individual liable for operationally ready national service have effect as if any reference therein to any such individual also includes a reference to any volunteer ex-NSman, with such

prescribed exceptions, modifications and adaptations as the differences between this Part and that existing law require.

(4) The Minister may, from time to time, authorise such emoluments to be paid to volunteer ex-NSmen for their services.

(5) In this section, “existing law” means any written law having effect as part of the law of Singapore immediately before the date of commencement of section 7 of the Civil Defence and Other Matters Act 2018.

Appointments and promotions

9B.—(1) Subject to section 8, the Minister may do the following:

- (a) appoint or promote a member to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and above;
- (b) reduce the rank of a member of the rank of lieutenant-colonel and above.

(2) Subject to section 8, the Commissioner may do the following:

- (a) appoint or promote a member to the rank of major and below;
- (b) reduce the rank of a member of the rank of major and below.

(3) The Commissioner may delegate the power under subsection (2) to any officer of the rank of lieutenant-colonel and above.”.

New section 10A

8. The Civil Defence Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 10, the following section:

“Discharge of volunteer ex-NSmen

10A.—(1) The Commissioner may, without notice, discharge any volunteer ex-NSman.