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Police Force (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 14/2021.

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A BILL

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An Act to amend the Police Force Act.

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 Police Force (Amendment) Act 2021 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Police Force Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “lance corporal” in the definition of “constable” and substituting the word “corporal”; and

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

““non-police personnel performing duties in the Police Force” means a public officer or any other individual, either of whom is not a police officer but is performing duties in the Police Force under —

(a) a posting; or

(b) a secondment arrangement making available temporarily to the Police Force the services of such public officer or individual;”.

New section 13A

3. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 13, the following section:

“No resignation during crisis period

13A.—(1) Where a notice of resignation is given in accordance with section 11(3) or 13(4), or the terms of engagement mentioned in section 12, and is accepted before a crisis period starts —

(a) the notice of resignation does not take effect before the end of the crisis period;

(b) the crisis period must be excluded in calculating any notice period in order for the resignation to take effect; and

(c) any notice period for the resignation to take effect must be extended by a period equal to the length of the crisis period,

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unless the Commissioner waives the application of this subsection to the particular notice of resignation on the ground that the service of the police officer or temporary constable giving the notice is not necessary for the securing of the public safety, defence and security of Singapore.

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(2) Despite section 11(3), 12 or 13(4), a notice of resignation to resign from the Police Force that is given by a police officer or temporary constable is invalid if —

(a) the notice of resignation is given during a crisis period; and

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(b) the Commissioner refuses the notice of resignation.

(3) The Commissioner may refuse a notice of resignation given during a crisis period only if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the service of the police officer or temporary constable giving the notice is necessary for the securing of the public safety, defence and security of Singapore.

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(4) In this section, “crisis period” means the period when any of the following is in force:

(a) a Proclamation of Emergency issued under Article 150(1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore;

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(b) an activation order given under section 8(1) of the Public Order and Safety (Special Powers) Act 2018.”.