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Prisons (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 38/2021.

Read the first time on 1 November 2021.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Prisons Act, to validate certain appointments under that Act, and to make a related amendment to the Misuse of Drugs 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 Prisons (Amendment) Act 2022 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 Prisons Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “basic condition”, the following definition:

““auxiliary police officer” means a person appointed as such under Part 9 of the Police Force Act 2004;”;

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

““controlled drug” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1973;”;

(c) by deleting the word “the” in the definition of “Deputy Commissioner” and substituting the word “a”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “external placement order” and substituting the following definitions:

““employment preparation”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the employment preparation order for the purposes of enhancing a prisoner’s employability and facilitating the prisoner’s reintegration into society;

“employment preparation order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 59K;

“external placement”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the

place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the external placement order;

“external placement order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 59B;

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“home detention”, in relation to a prisoner, means the serving by the prisoner of the prisoner’s sentence of imprisonment in the place or places, outside the limits of any prison, specified in the home detention order for the purpose of facilitating a prisoner’s rehabilitation and reintegration into society;

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“home detention order” means an order of the Commissioner under section 52;

“infectious disease” means any of the diseases specified in the First Schedule to the Infectious Diseases Act 1976 and includes any other disease —

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(a) that is caused or is suspected to be caused by a micro-organism or any agent of disease;

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(b) that is capable or is suspected to be capable of transmission by any means to human beings; and

(c) that a medical officer has reason to believe, if left uninvestigated or unchecked, is likely to result in an epidemic of the disease;

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“intoxicating substance” has the meaning given by section 2 of the Intoxicating Substances Act 1987;”;

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(e) by deleting the words “16 years” in the definition of “juvenile” and substituting the words “18 years”;