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# Civil Defence and Other Matters Bill

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**Bill No. 44/2018.**

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A BILL

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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*.

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## PART 1

### AMENDMENTS TO CIVIL DEFENCE ACT

#### Amendment of section 2

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

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

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

15 (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 —

20 (a) a public warning device; or

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

25 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.”.

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#### **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:

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“(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

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

#### **Amendment of section 5**

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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”.

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