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Tokyo Convention (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 22/2018.

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Tokyo Convention Act (Chapter 327 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make related 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 Tokyo Convention (Amendment) Act 2018 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Repeal and re-enactment of long title

2. The long title to the Tokyo Convention Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is repealed and the following long title substituted therefor:

“An Act to give effect to the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Tokyo on 14 September 1963, and the Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Montreal on 4 April 2014, and for purposes connected with the Convention or Protocol.”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “military aircraft” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““Montreal Protocol” means the Protocol to Amend the Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft, signed at Montreal on 4 April 2014;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “pilot in command” in subsection (1), the following definition:

““Protocol country” means a country which has been declared by the Minister, by notification in the *Gazette*, to have ratified or acceded to the Montreal Protocol, and has not been so declared to have denounced the Montreal Protocol;”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (b) of the definition of “Singapore-controlled aircraft” in subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(b) which is leased without crew to a lessee whose principal place of business, or (if the lessee has no such place of business) whose permanent residence, is in Singapore;”;

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- (d) by deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following subsection:

“(2) For the purposes of this Act, an aircraft is in flight —

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(a) from the time when all external doors of the aircraft are closed following embarkation for a flight until the time when any such door is opened for disembarkation;

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(b) if the aircraft makes a forced landing in any country or territory other than Singapore, from the time when all external doors of the aircraft are closed following embarkation for a flight until the time when the competent authorities of the country or territory in which the forced landing takes place take over responsibility for the aircraft and for the persons and property on board the aircraft; and

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(c) if the aircraft makes a forced landing in Singapore, from the time when all external doors of the aircraft are closed following embarkation for a flight until the time when a police officer arrives at the place of landing,

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and any reference in this Act to an aircraft in flight includes a reference to an aircraft during any period when the aircraft is on the surface of the sea or land but not within the territorial limits of any country.”.

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