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Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 31/2017.

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 170A of the 1997 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Public Utilities Act (Chapter 261 of the 2002 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 Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2017 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “authorised pilot”, the following definition:

10 “ “appointed officer” means a person authorised or appointed as an appointed officer under section 89A(1);”;

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

15 “ “inland craft” —

(a) means any ship, boat or air-cushioned vehicle or similar craft used in any reservoir or waterway, however moved or propelled; but

20 (b) excludes any floating rig or platform that is not a barge;”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “master” and substituting the following definition:

“ “master” —

25 (a) in relation to a vessel, includes every person (except a pilot) having charge or command of the vessel; and

30 (b) in relation to an inland craft, includes every person having charge of the inland craft;”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “owner” and substituting the following definition:

““owner”, in relation to a vessel or inland craft, includes any part-owner, charterer, operator, consignee or mortgagee in possession of the vessel or inland craft, as the case may be, or any duly authorised agent of any such person;”;

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- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public licence”, the following definition:

““Public Utilities Board” means the Public Utilities Board continued under section 3 of the Public Utilities Act (Cap. 261);”;

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- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “regulations”, the following definition:

““reservoir” means a body of water maintained as a reservoir by the Public Utilities Board in the following areas as defined in regulations made under section 72 of the Public Utilities Act:

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(a) a Catchment Area Park;

(b) the Central Water Catchment Area;”;

- (g) by deleting the words “or any other description of vessel” in the definition of “vessel”; and

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- (h) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “vessel”, the following definition:

““waterway” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Public Utilities Act;”.

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Amendment of section 6

3. Section 6(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “not less than 2 nor more than 13” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “not fewer than 3”.