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Parks and Trees (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 4/2017.

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Parks and Trees Act (Chapter 216 of the 2006 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the National Parks Board Act (Chapter 198A of the 2012 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 Parks and Trees (Amendment) Act 2017 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 Parks and Trees Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “heritage road green buffer”, the following definition:

“ “marine park” means any area of the sea or seabed that is set aside for conservation of marine organisms and is designated in Part III of the Schedule;”;

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

“ “planning permission” has the same meaning as in the Planning Act;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the words “public park,” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “public park”, the words “marine park,”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the word “Board” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “public park”, the words “or by any management body designated under section 6A”;

(e) by deleting the definition of “tree” and substituting the following definition:

“ “tree” includes a single-stemmed palm and any part of a tree or single-stemmed palm (including its seedling, sapling or re-shoot);”;
and

(f) by deleting the word “where” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “vacant land” and substituting the word “which”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) The Commissioner may appoint any of the following persons to be an authorised officer for the purpose of assisting the Commissioner in administering and carrying out the provisions of this Act or any other written law:

- (a) a public officer;
- (b) an employee of the Board;
- (c) an auxiliary police officer appointed under the Police Force Act (Cap. 235).”; and

- (b) by deleting subsections (5) and (6) and substituting the following subsections:

“(5) The Commissioner may appoint any of the following persons to be a park ranger who may exercise the powers conferred on a park ranger under sections 41 and 42 within the national park, nature reserve or public park and in the circumstances specified in the Commissioner’s authorisation for the park ranger under subsection (6):

- (a) a public officer;
- (b) an employee of the Board;
- (c) an employee of a management body designated under section 6A;
- (d) a person who holds a security officer’s licence under the Private Security Industry Act (Cap. 250A).