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Travel Agents (Amendment) Bill

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A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Travel Agents Act (Chapter 334 of the 1998 Revised Edition) and to make a related amendment to the Singapore Tourism Board Act (Chapter 305B of the 1997 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 Travel Agents (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 Travel Agents Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended by deleting the definitions of “licence” and “licensee” and substituting the following definitions:

““code of conduct” means a code of conduct mentioned in section 28(1)(ga)(ii);

“licence” means a licence granted or renewed under section 7;

“licensee” means any person who holds a licence;

“regulations” means regulations made under this Act;

“relevant individual”, in relation to an applicant for a licence or to a licensee, means —

(a) where the applicant or licensee is an individual, the applicant or licensee, as the case may be;

(b) where the applicant or licensee is a partnership, a partner of the partnership;

(c) where the applicant or licensee is an unincorporated association, a member of the governing body of the unincorporated association; and

(d) where the applicant or licensee is a company or other body corporate, any director of the company or officer holding a similar managerial or executive position in the body corporate;

“supply”, in relation to a travel product, includes the sale, or arranging for the provision, of the travel product;

“tour” means a visit to one or more places or points of interest, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, in which the participant or participants in the visit is or are, for any part of the visit, accompanied by an individual who is not a participant of the visit;

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“travel product” means any goods or services described in section 4(1).”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

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“(5) This Act does not apply to the Government, or a body established by or under a public Act for a public purpose.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

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“Business of travel agent

4.—(1) Subject to this section, a person carries on the business of a travel agent if the person carries on, or advertises or holds himself out as carrying on, a business of any one or more of the following:

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(a) supplying any person a right to travel on any conveyance;

(b) supplying any person —

(i) a right to travel on any conveyance to; and

(ii) a right of accommodation at a hotel or similar boarding premises at,

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one or more places, whether in Singapore or elsewhere;

(c) purchasing, or reserving, for resale to a person a right to travel on any conveyance;

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