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## National Registration (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 32/2016.

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#### A BILL

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An Act to amend the National Registration Act (Chapter 201 of the 1992 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act (Chapter 267 of the 1985 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 National Registration (Amendment) Act 2016 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 National Registration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended
  - (a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "Commissioner", the following definitions:
    - ""document" means anything in which information of any description is recorded, whether in electronic or other form;
      - "false identity card" means
        - (a) a document that is not an identity card but purports to be an identity card; or
        - (b) an identity card that has been altered by an unauthorised person;";
  - (b) by deleting the definition of "registration officer" and substituting the following definitions:
    - ""immigration officer" means an immigration officer appointed under section 3 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133);
      - "personal identifier" means a personal identifier in any form (including digital form) that is specified in the Schedule;
      - "police officer" has the same meaning as in section 2(1) of the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);
      - "public authority" means a body established or constituted by or under a public Act to perform or discharge a public function;
      - "register" means the register specified in section 4;

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"registration officer", in relation to any provision of this Act, means —

- (a) the Commissioner;
- (b) the Deputy Commissioner of National Registration;

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- (c) an Assistant Commissioner of National Registration; or
- (d) a person appointed as a registration officer under section 3(4) for the purposes of that provision."; and
- (c) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:
  - "(2) Unless the context otherwise requires
    - (a) a reference to the registration of a person under this Act includes a reference to the re-registration of a person under this Act; and
    - (b) a reference to a person who is registered, or required to be registered, under this Act includes a reference to a person who is re-registered, or required to be re-registered, under this Act.
  - (3) The Minister may, by order in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule, except that any other personal identifier so prescribed in the order
    - (a) must be an image, a measurement or a recording of an external part of the human body, or a measurement or a recording of a person's voice; and
    - (b) must not be an identifier the obtaining of which would involve the taking of an intimate sample from the human body