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Maritime Offences (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 19/2015.

Read the first time on 11 May 2015.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Maritime Offences Act (Chapter 170B of the 2004 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 may be cited as the Maritime Offences (Amendment) Act 2015 and comes into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The long title to the Maritime Offences Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “10th March 1988” and substituting the words “10 March 1988, and the provisions of the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf done in Rome on 10 March 1988,”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “10th March 1988” in the definition of “Convention” and substituting the words “10 March 1988”;

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

““fixed platform” means any artificial island, installation or structure permanently attached to the seabed for the purpose of exploration or exploitation of resources or for any other economic purpose;” and

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “naval service”, the following definitions:

““Protocol” means the Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms located on the Continental Shelf done in Rome on 10 March 1988;

“Protocol country” means a Convention country in respect of which the Protocol is in force;

“relevant fixed platform offence” means —

(a) an offence under section 7A, 7B or 7C;

- (b) conspiracy to commit any of those offences;
- (c) inciting another to commit any of those offences;
- (d) attempting to commit any of those offences; or 5
- (e) aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring the commission of any of those offences;”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, 10
immediately after the word “threats” in the section heading, the words “in relation to ships or safe navigation”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following 15
subsections:

“(4) Any person, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, who abets the commission, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, of any act which is an offence under section 3, 4, 5 or 6 shall be guilty of an offence. 20

(5) Any person, whether in Singapore or elsewhere, who attempts to commit an offence under section 3, 4, 5 or 6, and in such attempt does any act towards the commission of the offence, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be punished with imprisonment for a term not exceeding 15 years.”; and 25

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “offences” in the section heading, the words “in relation to ships or safe navigation”.

New sections 7A to 7D

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6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 7, the following sections:

“Hijacking of fixed platforms

7A.—(1) Subject to subsection (2), any person who unlawfully, by the use of force or by threats of any kind, seizes a fixed platform or exercises control of a fixed platform, shall be guilty of an offence, whatever the nationality or citizenship of that person, and whether the fixed platform is in Singapore or elsewhere.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to any act committed in relation to a fixed platform used as a naval auxiliary or in customs or law enforcement service, unless —

- (a) the person seizing or exercising control of the fixed platform is a citizen of Singapore;
- (b) the act is committed in Singapore; or
- (c) the fixed platform is used in the naval, customs or law enforcement service of Singapore.

Destroying or damaging fixed platforms, etc.

7B.—(1) Subject to subsection (5), any person who unlawfully and intentionally does any of the following shall be guilty of an offence:

- (a) destroys a fixed platform;
- (b) damages a fixed platform so as to endanger, or to be likely to endanger, the safety of the fixed platform;
- (c) commits on board a fixed platform an act of violence which is likely to endanger the safety of the fixed platform.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), any person who unlawfully and intentionally places, or causes to be placed, on a fixed platform any device or substance which is likely to destroy the fixed platform or is likely so to damage the fixed platform as to endanger the safety of the fixed platform shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) Nothing in subsection (2) is to be construed as limiting the circumstances in which the commission of any act may —