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Rapid Transit Systems (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 5/2014.

Read the first time on 20th January 2014.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Rapid Transit Systems Act (Chapter 263A 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 Rapid Transit Systems (Amendment) Act 2014 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Rapid Transit Systems Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “railway area”, the following definition:

“ “railway commuter facility” means —

(a) a pedestrian facility (such as ramps, overhead bridges, footpaths, escalators, stairs and lifts) for or connected or facilitating access to the railway comprised in any rapid transit system;

(b) a bicycle parking facility or vehicle set down facility for intending passengers of the railway comprised in any rapid transit system; or

(c) any other similar structure or facility that integrates a rapid transit system with developments surrounding the rapid transit system by facilitating better access for passengers to residences, employment, markets, services and recreation;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “incidental to the carriage of passengers by train” in the definition of “railway premises”, the words “(but not any railway commuter facility)”.

Amendment of section 4

3. The principal Act is amended by renumbering section 4 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) In addition to subsection (1), the Authority may, at any reasonable time, enter upon any State land that is within or adjoining any railway area, and do all things as are reasonably necessary for the construction and maintenance of railway commuter facilities on, under or over that land.

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(3) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in subsection (2) derogates from any power of the Authority to construct and maintain any street, road structure or road related facility under the Street Works Act (Cap. 320A).”.

Amendment of section 5

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4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (5), the following subsections:

“(5A) Any person authorised under this section to enter upon any land shall, if so required by the owner or occupier, produce evidence of his authority before so entering the land.

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(5B) Any person who refuses to give access to, or obstructs, hinders or delays, an agent or employee of the Authority at any time in the exercise of his authority shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.”.

Amendment of section 9

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5. Section 9(8) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “unlawfully obstructs” and substituting the words “refuses to give access to, or obstructs, hinders or delays,”.

Amendment of section 15

6. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended —

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(a) by deleting paragraph (d) of subsection (1); and

(b) by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of subsection (2)(f) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(ii) to maintain any railway commuter facility within the vicinity of a station that is part of the rapid transit system, and any other premises, facilities and

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structures used as, or for the purposes of, or otherwise reasonably necessary for or incidental to operating the rapid transit system;”.

5 **New section 18A**

7. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 18, the following section:

“Appointment and removal of director, etc., of licensee

18A.—(1) No licensee shall —

- 10 (a) appoint or re-appoint an individual as its chief executive officer, its director or the chairman of its board of directors; or
- (b) remove its chief executive officer or the chairman of its board of directors or any of its directors,

15 unless the licensee has obtained the approval of the Authority to do so.

(2) Where a licensee, in contravention of subsection (1), does any of the following without the approval of the Authority:

- 20 (a) appoint or re-appoint an individual as its chief executive officer, its director or the chairman of its board of directors;
- (b) remove its chief executive officer or the chairman of its board of directors or any of its directors,

25 the Authority may issue a direction to the licensee to do either of the following, whichever being applicable, and the licensee must comply with that direction given to it:

- (i) to remove that individual from his appointment as the chief executive officer or a director or the chairman of the board of directors of the licensee, as the case may be;
- 30 (ii) to reinstate the individual as the chief executive officer or a director or the chairman of the board of directors of the licensee, as the case may be.