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Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 15/2012.

Read the first time on 14th May 2012.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act
(Chapter 158A of the 1996 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 Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2012 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 2

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2. Section 2 of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Authority”, the following definitions:

““bus service” means a service for the carriage of passengers for a fare or other consideration by one or more buses operating on pre-determined timetables and routes;

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“bus service licence”, “bus service operator” and “bus service operator’s licence” have the same meanings as in the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B);”.

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Amendment of section 6

3. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “taxi stands” in subsection (1)(b) and substituting the words “bus depots, bus parks, taxi stands, bicycle parking”;

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(b) by deleting paragraph (g) of subsection (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(g) without prejudice to the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B) —

(i) to carry out operational planning for bus services to meet the needs and expectation of the public, including coordinating the routes and scheduling of bus services provided by holders of bus service licences and bus service operator’s licences;

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(ii) to provide financial assistance to holders of bus service licences or bus service

operator's licences with the object of improving and expanding the range and reliability of the bus services so provided by all or any of them;

(iii) to procure for or make available to any holder of a bus service licence or a bus service operator's licence such buses as are necessary for improving and expanding the range and reliability of the bus services so provided by all or any of them; and

(iv) to regulate the carriage of passengers on any road for hire or reward in accordance with the Road Traffic Act;";

(c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (n) of subsection (1), the following paragraph:

“(na) to advise on, or to conduct, promote or facilitate, training and education relating to public transport;”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “before any court” in subsection (2), the words “to which it would not otherwise be subject”.

Amendment of section 7

4. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (fc) of subsection (1), the following paragraphs:

“(fd) to provide financial assistance by way of grant, loan or guarantee to any holder of a bus service licence or bus service operator's licence;

(fe) to establish or expand facilities or to assist in the maintenance of facilities (whether by itself or with the co-operation of other persons or bodies as the Authority thinks fit), including but not limited to providing grants, for the purpose of training and education relating to public transport;”; and

- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (4), the following subsection:

“(5) Any grant, loan or guarantee given by the Authority before the date of commencement of section 4 of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (Amendment) Act 2012 to any holder of a bus service licence or bus service operator’s licence, and any security for any such loan, shall not be invalid by reason only that it was given before that date but shall be deemed to have been and to be given as if that section was then in force.”.

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Amendment of section 12

5. Section 12(1) of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “into which shall be paid”, the words “, except where expressly provided otherwise in section 13A or 13B”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

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“(da) the balance of the fees, rental or other revenue lawfully received by the Authority —

- (i) for or in connection with the hiring or leasing of buses, bus stops, bus interchanges or terminals or bus parks from the Authority; or

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- (ii) for or in connection with the advertising on such buses or at such bus stops, bus interchanges or terminals or bus parks,

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after deducting such proportion of those fees, rental or other revenue as the Minister has approved for the Bus Service Enhancement Fund under section 13B(1)(h);”.

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