

Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 19th October 2009.

An Act to amend the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Chapter 295 of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Enlistment Act (Chapter 93 of the 2001 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 Singapore Armed Forces (Amendment) Act 2009 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 Singapore Armed Forces Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “captain” in the definition of “commander” in subsection (1), the words “or a senior military expert”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “major” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “convening authority” in subsection (1), the words “, or the senior military expert of or above the rank of ME5,”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “military documents” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “military expert” means a serviceman in the military domain experts service;”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “regular serviceman” in subsection (1), the following definition:

“ “senior military expert” means a military expert of or above the rank of ME4;”;
- (e) by deleting the definition of “serviceman” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definition:

“ “serviceman” means an officer, a soldier, a military expert or a non-uniformed serviceman of the Singapore Armed Forces, and includes a servicewoman;”;
- (f) by deleting the definition of “soldier” in subsection (1) and substituting the following definition:

““soldier” means any person, other than an officer, a senior military expert or a non-uniformed serviceman, who is a member of the Singapore Armed Forces, and includes any such person who is a servicewoman;”; and

(g) by deleting the words “to “an officer” or” in subsection (2)(d).

Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5(4) of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (a) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(a) subject to paragraph (c), where he was a regular serviceman, be regarded as having the rank or service grade that he held on the day of his discharge or release as a regular serviceman;”.

New section 10C

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 10B, the following section:

“Appointment of senior military experts

10C.—(1) Senior military experts of the Singapore Armed Forces shall be appointed by the President or by the proper authority who or which may, without assigning any reason, cancel any such appointment.

(2) An appointment made under subsection (1) shall be in the prescribed form.

(3) Senior military experts appointed under subsection (1) shall be deemed to be senior military experts of the Singapore Armed Forces from the date specified in their appointments.

(4) Senior military experts may from time to time be promoted or advanced in rank by the proper authority.”.

Amendment of section 11

5. Section 11(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “superior officers” in paragraph (a) and substituting the words “superiors (being officers or senior military experts)”.

Amendment of section 39

6. Section 39 of the principal Act is amended —