

# **State Lands (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the State Lands Act (Chapter 314 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 State Lands (Amendment) Act 2009 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **New section 3A**

2. The State Lands Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by inserting, immediately after section 3, the following section:

#### **“Modes of alienation**

**3A.** State lands which are alienated or otherwise disposed of, or in respect of which a lease or licence to occupy is issued, under this Act may be alienated, leased or licensed —

- (a) as a parcel of the surface earth, all substances thereunder and so much of the column of airspace above the surface as is reasonably necessary for the use and enjoyment thereof;
- (b) as a parcel of airspace or subterranean space, whether or not held apart from the surface of the earth; or
- (c) only down to such depth below the surface earth as the President may by order direct.”.

### **Amendment of section 4**

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “, and the reference shall be to 2 arbitrators having power to appoint an umpire under the provisions of that Act” in the 8th, penultimate and last lines of subsection (3); and
- (b) by deleting the words “horses, buffaloes, bullocks and carts or wagons” in subsection (4)(b) and substituting the words “animals or vehicles”.

### **Amendment of section 7**

4. Section 7(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “his officers” in paragraph (d) and substituting the words “any officer authorised by him in writing”.