

# **Housing and Development (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Housing and Development Act (Chapter 129 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 Housing and Development (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 65A**

2. Section 65A of the Housing and Development Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

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

“ “flat upgrading works” means —

(a) such items of upgrading works as are specified by the Board to be carried out —

(i) within a flat comprised in a building;

(ii) within a building or any part thereof not comprised in a flat for the provision of a service in relation to water, sewerage, drainage, gas, electricity, garbage or conditioned air, or other services relating to telephone, radio, television or any other means of telecommunication, that are reasonably necessary for or connected with the enjoyment of any flat comprised in such a building; or

(b) such other items of upgrading works approved by the Minister, being works to be carried out within a building or any part thereof not comprised in a flat, to —

(i) facilitate the access to, and use of, the building and its facilities by persons with physical disabilities; or

(ii) improve the fire safety or other safety

features of the building or such other performance requirements for buildings as may be prescribed by any other written law,

but does not include any specified upgrading works;”;

- (b) by deleting the words “and special upgrading works” in the definition of “general upgrading works” and substituting the words “, special upgrading works and flat upgrading works”;
- (c) by deleting the words “or special upgrading works” in the definition of “improvement contribution” and substituting the words “, special upgrading works or flat upgrading works that are”; and
- (d) by deleting the definition of “specified upgrading works” and substituting the following definition:

“ “specified upgrading works” means such items of upgrading works specified by the Board to be carried out in a building or part thereof within a precinct as a result of which the floor area of a flat in the building will be increased, but does not include any special upgrading works and flat upgrading works;”.

### **Amendment of section 65C**

#### **3. Section 65C of the principal Act is amended —**

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following subsection:

“(1) Where a precinct has been declared under section 65B, the Board shall —

- (a) make arrangements to conduct in the manner prescribed a poll (in combination with another poll or otherwise) of prescribed owners of the flats within the precinct with a view to establishing their opinions about any proposal to carry out any of the following:

- (i) general upgrading works within the precinct together with specified upgrading works (if any) in any building within the