

# **Street Works (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Street Works Act (Chapter 320A of the 1996 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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 Street Works (Amendment) Act 2003 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of long title**

2. The long title to the Street Works Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is repealed and the following long title substituted therefor:

“An Act relating to the construction, improvement, repair, maintenance and management of streets and back-lanes and other matters connected therewith, and the prevention of obstruction of five-footways and private footways.”.

### **Amendment of section 2**

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “authenticated under section 15” in the penultimate line of the definition of “owner” and substituting the words “prepared under section 10”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “premises”, the following definition:

“ “private footway” means any footway that is not vested in the Government and that —

- (a) is intended pursuant to a planning or conservation permission granted by the competent authority under the Planning Act (Cap. 232) to be used mainly for the movement or passage of people on foot, and is used or intended to be used —
  - (i) as a link either underground or at the second or upper storey level between 2 developments across their common

boundary;

- (ii) as a link either underground or at the second or upper storey level between a development and a station of the rapid transit system, a bus terminal or a bus interchange; or
- (iii) as a link over or underneath a public street between 2 developments or parts of the same development;

(b) is connected to a station of the rapid transit system, a bus terminal or a bus interchange and is used or intended to be used as a means of access between such station, bus terminal or bus interchange and a public street;

(c) is on a bridge or underpass directly connected to and is over or underneath a public street; or

(d) is located in a single holding and fronting, adjoining or abutting a public street;”;

(c) by deleting the definition of “public street” and substituting the following definition:

“ “public street” means any street over which the public has a right of way and which has become vested in the Government under this Act or the repealed Act, or in any other manner;”;

(d) by deleting the definitions of “road related facility” and “road structure” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “road related facility” includes any traffic sign, directional sign, street name sign, traffic light, bus shelter, railing, lighting apparatus and any optical, electronic, communication, monitoring or computerised equipment necessary for the control and management of traffic, and any other road related structure and facility maintained by the Authority;

“road structure” includes any bridge, underpass, tunnel, earth retaining wall and ancillary buildings;”.

## **New section 8A**

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 8, the following section:

### **“Carrying out of engineering works within road structure safety zone**

**8A.—**(1) No person shall carry out any engineering works within the road structure safety zone unless he has obtained the prior approval of the Authority.

(2) An application to the Authority for its approval under subsection (1) —

- (a) shall be made in writing and shall be accompanied by an engineering plan, showing the location affected by the engineering works to be carried out; and
- (b) may be granted by the Authority subject to such conditions as the Authority thinks fit.

(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding \$100 for every day or part thereof during which the offence continues after conviction.

(4) In this section —

“engineering plan”, in relation to engineering works, includes detailed plans of the engineering works, monitoring equipment and instrumentation and other relevant information proposed for use to monitor the structural integrity of the road structure;

“engineering works” means any kind of construction work that is likely to affect the structural integrity of any road structure and the safety of its operations, and includes —

- (a) excavations for basements and other building structures under land;
- (b) installations of foundation piles, sheet piles, bore holes, wells, ground anchors and tie backs; and
- (c) the operation of any crane, hoist or heavy equipment;

“road structure safety zone” means that part of the land or area which is 20 metres from the outermost edge of any part of a road structure.”.

## **Amendment of section 9**

5. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1) and