

Insurance (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 25th September 2001.

An Act to amend the Insurance Act (Chapter 142 of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make related amendments to the Societies Act (Chapter 311 of the 1985 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 Insurance (Amendment) Act 2001 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 Insurance Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “, Securities Industry Act (Cap. 289) or Futures Trading Act (Cap. 116),” in the 5th, 6th and 7th lines of subsection (1)(b) and substituting the words “or Securities and Futures Act 2001”;
- (b) by deleting the words “or company engaged primarily in the business of export credit insurance” in the 3rd and 4th lines of subsection (7); and
- (c) by deleting the words “, organisation or company” in the 5th and in the penultimate and last lines of subsection (7) and substituting in each case the words “or organisation”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3(2) of the Insurance Act is amended by deleting “\$30,000” in the 3rd line and “\$2,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$75,000” and “\$7,500”, respectively.

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the Insurance Act is amended by deleting “\$30,000” in the 9th line and “\$2,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$75,000” and “\$7,500”, respectively.

Amendment of section 5

5. Section 5(3) of the Insurance Act is amended by deleting “\$5,000” in the 3rd line and “\$1,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$12,500” and “\$1,250”, respectively.

Amendment of section 6

6. Section 6(3) of the Insurance Act is amended by deleting “\$20,000” in the 3rd line, “2 years” in the 4th line and “\$1,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$50,000”, “3 years” and “\$5,000”, respectively.

Amendment of section 7

7. Section 7(2) of the Insurance Act is amended by deleting “\$5,000” in the 4th line and “\$1,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$25,000” and “\$2,500”, respectively.

Amendment of section 10

8. Section 10(2) of the Insurance Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting “\$20,000” in the 4th line and substituting “\$50,000”; and
- (b) by deleting “\$1,000” in the penultimate line and substituting “\$5,000”.

Amendment of section 12

9. Section 12 of the Insurance Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (3) and substituting the following subsections:

“(3) Before cancelling the registration of an insurer under this section otherwise than at the request of the insurer, the Authority shall —

- (a) give the insurer notice in writing of its intention to do so; and
- (b) in the notice referred to in paragraph (a), call upon the insurer to show cause within such time as may be specified in the notice why his or its registration should not be cancelled.

(3A) If the insurer referred to in subsection (3) —

- (a) fails to show cause within the time given to him or it to do so or within such extended period of time as the Authority may allow; or
- (b) fails to show sufficient cause,

the Authority shall give notice in writing to the insurer of the date on which the cancellation of registration is to take effect.

(3B) Any insurer who is aggrieved by a decision of the Authority under subsection (1) to cancel his registration as an insurer otherwise than at his request may, within 30 days of the decision of the Authority, appeal to the Minister in writing in accordance with Part IIIB.”; and

- (b) by deleting subsections (5) and (6).

Amendment of section 20

10. Section 20 of the Insurance Act is amended by —

- (a) by deleting the words “approved by the Authority, and at a place and on terms so approved” in the penultimate and last lines of subsection (1) and substituting the words “in accordance with such directions as may be issued by the Authority”; and