

Public Transport Council (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the Public Transport Council Act (Chapter 259B of the 1988 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 Public Transport Council (Amendment) Act 1999 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of long title

2. The Public Transport Council Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the words “Mass Rapid Transit System” in the long title and substituting the words “rapid transit system”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Council”, the following definition:

“fare”, in relation to a taxi, means the rate payable for hiring the taxi, and includes any surcharge approved by the Council as being payable for such hire;

Amendment of section 5

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

“(b) appoint and employ from time to time and on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine such officers, employees and agents as the Council thinks fit for the effective performance of its functions.”.

New sections 5A and 5B

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 5, the following sections:

“Protection from personal liability

5A. No suit or legal proceedings shall lie personally against any member, officer or employee of the Council or other person acting under the direction of the Council for anything which is in good faith done or intended to be done in the execution or purported execution of this Act.

Public servants

5B. Every member, officer and employee of the Council shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code (Cap. 224).”.

New section 6A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 6, the following section:

“Grants to Council

6A. For the purpose of enabling the Council to carry out its functions under this Act or any other written law, the Minister may from time to time make grants to the Council of such sums as he may determine out of moneys to be provided by Parliament.”.

Amendment of section 12

7. Section 12(2) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “Accountant-General” and substituting the word “Council”.

Amendment of section 13

8. Section 13(5) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “Accountant-

General” in the 4th line and substituting the word “Council”.

Amendment of section 19

9. Section 19 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “Accountant-General” in paragraph (ii) and substituting the word “Council”.

Amendment of section 20

10. Section 20 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “rate of hire or” in subsections (1), (2), (3) (1st line), (4) (2nd line) and (5) (1st and 2nd lines).

Repeal and re-enactment of section 21

11. Section 21 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Application for approval of fares

21.—(1) An application for the Council’s approval of any bus, taxi or rapid transit system fare shall —

- (a) be made in such form and manner as the Council may determine; and
- (b) be supported by such documents (including certified copies of any balance-sheet and profit and loss account, and any auditor’s report, relating to the applicant’s undertaking) as the Council may require.

(2) In considering any application for approval of any bus, taxi or rapid transit system fare, the Council shall take into account —

- (a) the need for the applicant to remain financially viable; and
- (b) the need for public interest to be safeguarded.”.

Repeal of sections 22 and 25 and re-enactment of section 22 as section 25, and new sections 22, 23 and 24

12. Sections 22 and 25 of the principal Act are repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:

“Annual report

22.—(1) The Council shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each financial year, cause to be prepared and transmitted to the Minister a report dealing generally with the activities of the Council during the preceding financial year and containing such information relating to the proceedings and policy of the Council as the Minister may, from time to time, direct.