

National Parks Bill

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An Act to reconstitute the National Parks Board and to provide for the transfer of the property, rights and liabilities of the Parks and Recreation Department to the National Parks Board, and for matters connected therewith, to repeal the National Parks Act (Chapter 198A of the 1991 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Parks and Trees Act (Chapter 216 of the 1991 Revised Edition).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the National Parks Act 1996 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“animal” means any member of the animal kingdom including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish and every kind of vertebrate and invertebrate and the eggs and young thereof;

“appointed day” means the date of commencement of this Act;

“Board” means the National Parks Board established under the National Parks Act [Cap. 198A] in force before the appointed day and continued by section 3;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board and includes any acting Chairman of the Board;

“Chief Executive” means the Chief Executive of the Board and includes any person acting in that capacity;

“green area” means any State land which is vacant or utilised as green verge of premises occupied by the Government, parkland, verge or traffic island in a road reserve, park connector, or any other area managed and maintained by the Board;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“national park” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part I of the Fifth Schedule;

“nature reserve” means any area of land designated for the time being in Part II of the Fifth Schedule;

“parkland” means any State land or land of the Board which is utilised as a park or recreation ground;

“Parks and Recreation Department” means the Parks and Recreation Department of the Ministry of National Development;

“plant” means any member of the plant kingdom including angiosperms, gymnosperms, pteridophytes, bryophytes, algae, lichens and fungi;

“repealed Act” means the National Parks Act repealed by this Act;

“verge” means any area by the side of a public street, whether turfed or not.

PART II

RECONSTITUTION OF BOARD