

**Charities Bill**

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An Act to make provision for the registration of charities, the administration of charities and their affairs, the regulation of fund-raising activities carried on in connection with charities and other institutions and the conduct of public charitable collections and for purposes connected therewith, and to repeal the Charities Act (Chapter 37 of the 1985 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.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Charities Act 1994 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

#### **Interpretation**

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

“charitable company” means a charity which is a company or other body corporate;

“charitable purposes” means purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of Singapore;

“charity” means any institution, corporate or not, which is established for charitable purposes and is subject to the control of the High Court in exercise of the Court’s jurisdiction with respect to charities;

“charity trustees” means the persons having the general control and management of the administration of a charity;

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Charities appointed under section 3;

“company” means a company incorporated or registered under any law in force in Singapore or elsewhere;

“document” includes information recorded in any form, and, in relation to information recorded otherwise than in legible form —

(a) any reference to its production shall be construed as a reference to