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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the Fisheries Act (Chapter 111 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 Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1994 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 Fisheries Act is amended by deleting the definition of “Director” and substituting the following definition:

“ “Director” means the Director of Primary Production appointed under section 3 and includes the Director (Fisheries) appointed under that section;”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Fisheries Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Assistant Director of Primary Production (Fisheries)” in subsection (1) and substituting the words “Director (Fisheries)”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “public officer” at the end of subsection (2), the words “or any officer of a statutory board”; and
- (c) by deleting the words “Assistant Director of Primary Production (Fisheries)” in the marginal note and substituting the words “Director (Fisheries)”.

Amendment of section 7

4. Section 7(2) of the Fisheries Act is amended by deleting the words “fish or any species of fish” in paragraph (v) and substituting the words “fish, any species of fish or processed fish”.

Amendment of section 15

5. Section 15 of the Fisheries Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting “\$1,000” in subsections (1) and (2) and substituting in each case “\$10,000”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (3), the following subsections:

“(4) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Minister may provide in any rules made under this Act which relate to the prohibition, regulation or control of the species of fish known as piranha or any other prescribed dangerous species of fish that a person who contravenes any provision thereof shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

(5) No prosecution in respect of an offence referred to in subsection (4) shall be instituted except with the consent of the Public Prosecutor.”.

Amendment of section 16

6. Section 16 of the Fisheries Act is amended by inserting, immediately after the word “caught” in the third line, the words “or found, or any processed fish found”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 20

7. Section 20 of the Fisheries Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Power to compound offences

20.—(1) The Director may, in his discretion, compound any offence under this Act or any rules made thereunder which is prescribed as a compoundable offence by collecting from a person reasonably suspected of having committed the offence a sum not exceeding \$1,000.

(2) The Minister may make rules to prescribe the offences which may be compounded.”.

New sections 21A and 21B

8. The Fisheries Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 21, the following sections:

“Offences by body corporate, etc.