

National Registration (Amendment) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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An Act to amend the National Registration Act (Chapter 201 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 National Registration (Amendment) Act 1990 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 3

2. Section 3 of the National Registration Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and registration officers” in the fourth line of subsection (1); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) The Commissioner may appoint such number of registration officers as he may think fit for the purposes of this Act.

(1B) The Deputy Commissioner of National Registration and the Assistant Commissioners of National Registration shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred on the Commissioner under this Act, subject to such limitations as the Commissioner may think fit to impose.

(1C) Any person appointed by the Commissioner under subsection (1A) shall be deemed to be a public servant within the meaning of the Penal Code [Cap. 224].”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Minister may require” in subsection (2) and substituting the words “Commissioner thinks fit”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection:

“(3) A copy of or extract from any document, including a copy produced by way of microfilm or computer print-out, filed or lodged at the office of the Commissioner, certified to be a true copy or an extract under the hand and seal of the Commissioner shall in any proceedings be admissible in evidence as of equal validity with the original document.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Re-registration of persons in possession of identity cards

6.—(1) Every person who, on the commencement of the National Registration (Amendment) Act 1990, is in possession of a valid identity card issued under this Act shall re-register under this Act within such period as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, specify.

(2) All identity cards issued under this Act before such date shall cease to be valid on the expiration of the period within which persons in possession of such identity cards are required to be re-registered under subsection (1).”.

Amendment of section 7

5. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “Every” and substituting the words “Subject to the provisions of this Act and any regulations made thereunder, every”.

Amendment of section 8

6. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “14 days” and substituting the words “28 days”.

Amendment of section 10

7. The principal Act is amended by renumbering section 10 as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection:

“(2) Any person whose registration is cancelled under this section shall forthwith surrender his identity card to the Commissioner.”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 13