

# **Intoxicating Substances Bill**

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### **Intoxicating Substances Bill**

#### **Bill No. 17/1987**

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An Act to prohibit the misuse of certain substances which may cause intoxication when inhaled and for purposes connected therewith.

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 Intoxicating Substances Act 1987 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 —

“approved centre” means any place or premises declared by the Minister to be an approved centre under section 18;

- “article liable to seizure” means any thing by means of or in respect of which an offence under this Act has been committed or which contains evidence of an offence under this Act;
- “Director” means the Director of the Central Narcotics Bureau appointed by the Minister under section 3(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185) and includes the Deputy Director of the Bureau;
- “inmate” means a person who is detained in an approved centre;
- “intoxicating substance” means any substance having the property of releasing toxic vapours or fumes which contain any chemical compound specified in the Schedule and which when inhaled induces or causes a state of intoxication;
- “officer of the Bureau” means the Director or any officer of the Central Narcotics Bureau;
- “police officer” has the same meaning as in the Police Force Act (Cap. 235) and, in relation to a person who is subject to military law under the Singapore Armed Forces Act (Cap. 295), includes a military policeman as defined in section 2 of that Act;
- “Review Committee”, in relation to any approved centre, means a Review Committee appointed for the approved centre under section 19;
- “special police officer” means a member of the Special Constabulary constituted under Part VIII of the Police Force Act;
- “supervision order” means an order in writing by the Director made under section 16;
- “supervision period” means the period for which a person is placed under supervision pursuant to a supervision order made under section 16;
- “supply”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, includes having possession for the purpose of supply.

## PART II

### OFFENCES RELATING TO INTOXICATING SUBSTANCES

#### **Offence of misuse of intoxicating substances**

3.—(1) No person shall, for the purpose of inducing or causing in himself a state of intoxication, use or inhale any intoxicating substance.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

### **Offence of supply of intoxicating substances**

4.—(1) No person shall sell or supply or offer to sell or supply an intoxicating substance to any person if he knows or has reasonable cause to believe that the intoxicating substance is, or its fumes are, likely to be used or inhaled in contravention of section 3(1) by the person to whom the substance is sold or supplied or by another person.

(2) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both.

### **General powers to call for information as to intoxicating substances**

5.—(1) The Director may require any person who, in the course of conducting a business, sells or supplies or offers to sell or supply any intoxicating substance to produce such documents, to answer such questions and to furnish such information as he may consider necessary for the effective exercise of his powers and performance of his duties under this Act.

(2) Any such requisition shall be made in writing served on the person to whom it is addressed, and any such service shall be good service if the requisition is left with that person, or is left with any adult at the usual or last known place of residence or business of that person, or is served on that person by post at his usual or last known place of residence or business.

(3) Every person required to produce any document, answer any question or furnish any information shall produce the document, answer the question or furnish the information within such time as may be stated in the requisition.

(4) Any person required to produce any document, answer any question or furnish any information under this section who —

- (a) fails without lawful excuse to comply with any requisition under this section;
- (b) produces any document which is false in any material particular, or has not been given or made by the person by whom it purports to have been given or made, or has been in any way altered or tampered with; or
- (c) makes any declaration, statement or representation which is false in a material particular,