

Public Transport Council Bill

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Public Transport Council Bill

Bill No. 9/1987

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An Act to provide for the establishment of the Public Transport Council to license bus services and approve bus, taxi and Mass Rapid Transit System fares and for matters connected therewith and to repeal the Bus Services Licensing Authority Act (Chapter 31 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Road Traffic Act (Chapter 276 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. This Act may be cited as the Public Transport Council 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 —

“bus” means a public service vehicle which is used on scheduled services and in which the passengers are charged separate and distinct fares;

“bus service licence” means a bus service licence issued under Part IV;

“Council” means the Public Transport Council established under section 3;

“Mass Rapid Transit System” has the same meaning as in the Mass Rapid Transit

Corporation Act (Cap. 172);

“public service vehicle” means a vehicle used or kept for use for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward, other than a vehicle constructed for use on fixed rails or specially prepared ways;

“taxi” means a public service vehicle having a seating capacity of not more than 6 persons (including the driver), which plies for hire on any road and is hired under a contract, express or implied, for the use of each such vehicle as a whole or for the use of two or more persons who pay separate fares.

PART II

PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL

Establishment and constitution of Public Transport Council

3.—(1) There is hereby established a council to be called the Public Transport Council which shall consist of the members set out in paragraph 1 of the First Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, amend paragraph 1 of the First Schedule.

(3) The First Schedule shall have effect with respect to the Council, its members and proceedings.

Functions of Council

4. The functions of the Council are —

- (a) to receive and consider applications for the issue of bus service licences;
- (b) to receive and consider applications for approval of bus, taxi and Mass Rapid Transit System fares;
- (c) to regulate bus routes and bus, taxi and Mass Rapid Transit System fares; and
- (d) to engage in such other activities and to perform such functions as the Minister may permit or assign to it by order published in the *Gazette*.

Powers of Council

5. The Council shall have power to do anything for the purpose of discharging its functions under this Act or which is incidental or conducive to the discharge of those functions and, in particular, may —

- (a) approve new bus routes and amend or delete existing bus routes; and
- (b) appoint an agent to do anything which the Council may do.

PART III

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Expenses

6. Except as otherwise provided, all expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Act shall be met from the funds of the Council.

Bank accounts and application of revenue

7.—(1) The Council shall open and maintain an account or accounts with such bank or banks as the Council thinks fit; and every such account shall be operated upon as far as practicable by cheque signed by such person or persons as may from time to time be authorised in that behalf by the Council.

(2) The moneys of the Council shall be applied only in payment or discharge of expenses, obligations and liabilities of the Council and in making any payments that the Council is authorised or required to make.

Financial provisions

8. The financial provisions set out in the Second Schedule shall have effect with respect to the Council.

PART IV

LICENSING OF BUS SERVICES

Interpretation of this Part

9. In this Part, unless the context otherwise requires —

“affairs”, in relation to a licensee, includes —

- (a) the promotion, formation, membership, control, trading, dealings, business and property of the licensee;
- (b) the ownership of shares in, debentures of and interests made available by the licensee;