

Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Bill

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An Act to protect the secrecy of information of statutory bodies and Government companies.

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Statutory Bodies and Government Companies (Protection of Secrecy) Act 1983.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “specified organisation” means a statutory body or a Government company which is specified in the Schedule.

Protection of secrecy

3.—(1) No person who is or has been a member, officer, employee or agent of a specified organisation shall, without authority of that organisation, disclose to any other person any secret or confidential document or information which he has obtained or to which he has access by virtue of his position as such member, officer, employee or agent.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply —

- (a) to the disclosure of any document or information for the purpose of the performance of his duties or functions by a member, officer, employee or agent of a specified organisation; or
- (b) to the disclosure of any document or information which is lawfully required or authorised to be disclosed by any court or under the provisions of any written law.

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

Consent for prosecution

4. No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act without the written consent of the Attorney-General.

Amendment of Schedule

5. The President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.