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Read the first time on 2nd September 1977.

An Act to amend the Immigration Act (Chapter 81 of the 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 Immigration (Amendment) Act, 1977, 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 Immigration Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definitions of “authorised airport”, “authorised landing place” and “authorised point of entry” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “authorised airport”, “authorised landing place”, “authorised point of entry”, “authorised departing place” or “authorised point of departure” mean respectively an airport, a landing place, a point of entry, a departing place or a point of departure declared as such under section 5;”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “immigration signal” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “leave” means —

- (a) in the case of a person leaving Singapore by sea, embarking in Singapore on a vessel which is about to leave Singapore and remaining on board such vessel at the time of its departure for any place outside Singapore;
- (b) in the case of a person leaving Singapore by air, boarding an aircraft in Singapore which is about to depart from Singapore;
- (c) in the case of a person leaving Singapore by land, boarding and remaining in a train or other vehicle which is about to leave Singapore;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “senior immigration officer” appearing therein; and

- (d) by deleting the definition of “stowaway” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “stowaway” means a person who is secreted in a vessel or aircraft without the consent of the master or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft and includes such a person who is arriving in or departing from Singapore on board any vessel or aircraft without the consent of the master or other person in charge of the vessel or aircraft;”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Immigration Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Appointment and powers of Controller and immigration officers

3.—(1) The Minister may appoint a Controller of Immigration and such number of immigration officers as he may consider necessary for the proper carrying out of the provisions of this Act.

(2) The powers and discretion vested in the Controller under this Act, and the duties required to be discharged by him may, subject to the provisions of section 4 and to such limitations as the Controller may impose, be exercised and discharged by immigration officers duly authorised by the Controller to act on his behalf.”.

Amendment of heading

4. The heading of Part II of the Immigration Act is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“ADMISSION INTO AND DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE”.

Amendment of section 5

5. Section 5 of the Immigration Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the marginal note thereto and substituting therefor the expression “Entry into or departure from Singapore.”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(2) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, prescribe approved routes and declare such immigration control posts, places of embarkation, authorised airports, authorised points of departure or authorised departing place, as the case may be, and no person shall, unless compelled by accident or other reasonable cause, leave Singapore except at an authorised place of embarkation, airport, point of departure or place of departure.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 6

6. Section 6 of the Immigration Act is hereby amended —