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An Act to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1973 (No. 5 of 1973).

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 Misuse of Drugs (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 Misuse of Drugs Act, 1973 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “approved institution” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “approved institution” means any institution or place declared by the Minister to be an approved institution under section 33A;”;

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

“ “inmate” means a person who is detained in an approved institution;”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after the definition of “police officer” appearing therein the following definition: —

“ “Review Committee”, in relation to any approved institution, means a Review Committee appointed for the institution under section 33B;”;

- (d) by inserting immediately after the definition of “senior officer of customs” appearing therein the following definition: —

“ “special police officer” means a member of the Special

Constabulary constituted under Part VIII of the Police Force Act (Cap. 78);” and

- (e) by deleting the full-stop appearing at the end of the definition of “traffic” appearing therein and substituting therefor a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition: —

““Vigilante Corps” means the Vigilante Corps constituted under the Vigilante Corps Act (Cap. 80).”.

New section 2B

3. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 2A thereof the following section: —

“Advisory committees

2B.—(1) For the purpose of assisting in the administration of this Act the Minister may from time to time appoint such advisory committees as he thinks fit.

(2) Every such committee shall have such functions as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(3) Subject to any regulations made under this Act, every such committee may regulate its own procedure.”.

Amendment of section 22

4. Section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) An officer of the Bureau, a police officer, an officer of customs, or any special police officer or member of the Vigilante Corps authorised in writing by a police officer not below the rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police, may arrest without a warrant any person who has committed or whom he reasonably suspects to have committed an offence under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 27

5. Section 27 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

(a) by renumbering the existing section as subsection (1); and

(b) by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsection: —

“(2) In subsection (1) of this section, “public officer” includes any special police officer or member of the Vigilante Corps

exercising any power under section 22.”.

Amendment of section 28

6. Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting subsections (1) and (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(1) Any officer of the Bureau, immigration officer or police officer not below the rank of sergeant may, if he reasonably suspects any person to have committed an offence under paragraph (b) of section 6, require that person to provide a specimen of his urine for a urine test.

(2) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to provide a specimen of his urine within such time as may be required by any of the officers referred to in subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence.”.

Amendment of section 29

7. Section 29 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting the word “The” appearing in the first line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the”; and

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

“(3) If any person convicted of an offence under paragraph (b) of section 6 is again convicted of such an offence during any period when he is subject to supervision pursuant to an order of supervision made against him, he shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of not less than three years; and in this subsection —

(a) “convicted of an offence” includes a conviction by a subordinate military court or the Military Court of Appeal constituted under the Singapore Armed Forces Act, 1972 (Act 7 of 1972); and

(b) “order of supervision” means an order of supervision made under any regulations made under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 33

8. Section 33 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the