

# **Trade Unions (Amendment) Bill**

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An Act to amend the Trade Unions Act (Chapter 129 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 Trade Unions (Amendment) Act, 1977, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

### **Amendment of section 9**

2. Section 9 of the Trade Unions Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(2) Every such application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee and a copy of the rules of the trade union and a statement of the following particulars, namely: —

- (a) the names, occupations and addresses of the members making the application;
- (b) the name of the trade union and the address of its head office; and
- (c) the titles, names, ages, addresses and occupations of the officers of the trade union.”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 16**

3. Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

#### **“Power to freeze bank account**

**16.**—(1) Where a notice has been given by the Registrar to a trade union under the provisions of subsection (2) of section 15, the Minister may, if he is satisfied that it is likely that the funds of the union may be misused, by notice in writing direct any bank in Singapore not to pay any money out of or not to honour cheques drawn on the account of such union for a specified period not exceeding three months.

(2) Where an investigation is being conducted by a public authority regarding the improper use or misapplication of the funds of a trade union, the Minister may by notice in writing direct any bank in Singapore not to pay any money out of or

not to honour cheques drawn on the account of such union for a specified period not exceeding three months.

(3) A bank which complies with a notice of the Minister under subsection (1) or (2) shall be relieved of any liability to any other person in respect of the payment prohibited by such a notice.

(4) Any bank which fails to comply with a notice of the Minister under subsection (1) or (2) shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both such fine and imprisonment.

(5) Where an offence under subsection (4) is proved to have been committed with the consent and connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any director, secretary, manager, accountant, sub-accountant or other similar officer of a bank, or a person who was purporting to act in such capacity, he as well as the bank shall be guilty of that offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished accordingly.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (2), “public authority” means the Registrar, the Commissioner of Police, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue and the Director of the Corrupt Practices investigation Bureau.”.

## **Repeal and re-enactment of section 28**

4. Section 28 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

### **“Strike or industrial action**

**28.**—(1) A registered trade union shall not commence, promote, organise or finance any strike or any form of industrial action affecting the whole or any section of its members without obtaining the consent, by secret ballot, of the majority of the members so affected.

(2) Any registered trade union which, and every member of its executive who, contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.

(3) The members of a trade union who commence, promote, organise, participate or otherwise act in furtherance of any strike or any form of industrial action —

- (a) where the consent of the majority of the members so affected has not been obtained by secret ballot; or