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An Act to amend the Probation of Offenders Act (Chapter 117 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 Probation of Offenders (Amendment) Act, 1975, 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 Probation of Offenders Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of “approved institution” appearing therein the following: —
 - “ “Chief Probation Officer” means the person appointed to be the Chief Probation Officer under section 2 of this Act;”;
- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of “court” appearing therein the following new definitions: —
 - “ “police officer” has the same meaning as in the Police Force Act [Cap. 78];
 - “prison officer” has the same meaning as in the Prisons Act and includes the Director of Prisons and a Superintendent of Prisons appointed under that Act;”;
- (c) by deleting the definition of “Principal Probation Officer” appearing therein;
- (d) by deleting the word “and” appearing at the end of the definition of “probation committee” therein;
- (e) by inserting immediately after the definition of “probation committee” appearing therein the following new definition: —
 - “ “volunteer probation officer” means a person appointed to be a volunteer probation officer under subsection (2) of section 3 of this Act; and”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “Principal” wherever it appears therein and substituting therefor in each case the word “Chief”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following subsection: —

“(2) The Minister may, on such terms and conditions as he thinks fit, appoint a person who is not employed as a police officer or prison officer to be a volunteer probation officer.”; and
- (c) by renumbering the existing subsections (2) and (3) thereof as subsections (3) and (4) respectively.

Amendment of section 5

4. Subsection (7) of section 5 of the principal Act is hereby deleted and the following substituted therefor: —

“(7) The court by which a probation order is made under this section shall forthwith give copies of the order to the Chief Probation Officer who shall give a copy thereof to —

- (a) the probationer;
- (b) the probation officer or volunteer probation officer who is to be responsible for the supervision of the probationer; and
- (c) the person in charge of any institution in which the probationer is required by the order to reside.”.

Amendment of section 6

5. Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following subsection: —

“(1) The court by which a probation order is made under section 5 of this Act may, upon application made by —

 - (a) the probationer; or
 - (b) the probation officer or volunteer probation officer who is responsible for the supervision of the probationer,

discharge the order.”;