

Travel Agents Bill

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Bill No. 41/1975

Read the first time on 29th July 1975.

An Act to provide for the licensing of travel agents and for the regulation of their operations; and for purposes connected therewith.

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Travel Agents Act, 1975 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Board” means the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board established under section 3 of the Tourist Promotion Board Act (Cap. 205);

“Committee” means the Compensation Fund Committee established under section 13;

“Compensation Fund” means the Compensation Fund established under section 13;

“licence” means a licence issued under this Act;

“licensee” means any person who holds a licence granted to him or on his behalf.

Application

3.—(1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring any executor, administrator, trustee, liquidator, official receiver, trustee in bankruptcy of a bankrupt estate, trustee under a composition or scheme of arrangement or under a deed of arrangement or under a deed of assignment, committee of the estate or person of a mentally ill person, or manager of the property of an incapable person, for the purpose of performing his functions, exercising his powers or carrying out his duties as such, to hold a licence.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in subsection (1), it shall not be lawful for any of the persons referred to in that section for whom is vested the management of the business of any travel agent to carry on that business at any time after the expiration of three months from the date on which the management of that business was so vested, unless that person holds a licence.

(3) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as relieving any person from the obligation to take out a licence under any written law for the performance of any function, the exercise of any power or the carrying out of any duty for which a licence shall have been required if this Act has not been passed or to pay the fee payable in respect of any such licence.

(4) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the Official Assignee performing his duties as the trustee in bankruptcy of the property of a bankrupt to hold a licence.

Business of travel agent

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, a person carries on the business of a travel agent if that person —

- (a) sells tickets entitling an individual to travel, or otherwise arranges for a person a right of passage on any conveyance (not being a prescribed conveyance); or
- (b) sells to, or arranges or makes available for, a person rights of passage to, and hotel or other accommodation at, one or more places (being places within or beyond Singapore, or some of which are within and others of which are beyond Singapore); or
- (c) purchases for resale the right of passage on any conveyance (not being a prescribed conveyance); or
- (d) carries out any activity which may be prescribed; or
- (e) holds himself out as, or advertises that he is, willing to carrying on any activity referred to in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d).

(2) An individual does not carry on the business of a travel agent by reason only of carrying on in the course of his employment any activity referred to in subsection (1).

(3) A person does not carry on the business of a travel agent in respect of any activity referred to in —

- (a) paragraph (a) of subsection (1) if he carries on the activity in respect of a conveyance of which he is the owner; or
- (b) paragraph (b) of subsection (1) if he carries on the activity in respect of a conveyance and place of accommodation of which he is the owner.

(4) A person does not carry on the business of a travel agent by reason only of holding himself out as, or advertising that he is, willing to carry on any activity to which paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (3) applies.

Board responsible for the administration of this Act

5. The Board shall be responsible for the administration of this Act and may authorise any of its officers to exercise any of the powers conferred upon and perform any of the functions imposed upon the Board by this Act on its behalf.

PART II

LICENSING OF TRAVEL AGENTS

Persons carrying travel agent business to be licensed

6.—(1) No person shall carry on the business of a travel agent unless he is the holder