

Parking Places Bill

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Read the first time on 14th March 1974.

An Act to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Parking Places Act (Chapter 90 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 Parking Places Act, 1974 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 —

“Authority” means the Urban Redevelopment Authority constituted under the Urban Redevelopment Authority Act, 1973 (Act 65 of 1973);

“licence” means a licence to maintain or operate any private parking place granted under this Act;

“licensee” means the holder of a valid licence;

“park” with its grammatical variations means, in respect of a vehicle, to bring the vehicle to a stationary position and cause it to wait for any purpose;

“parking place” means any part of a road or any other place on or in which the parking of vehicles is authorised under the provisions of this Act;

“private parking place” means any land or premises or part thereof owned or occupied by any person other than the Government and used for the parking of ten or more motor vehicles;

“Superintendent” means the Superintendent of Car Parks or a Deputy or Assistant Superintendent appointed under section 6;

“vehicle” means any vehicle whether mechanically propelled or otherwise.

Minister may provide parking places

3. Where it appears to the Minister to be necessary to provide suitable parking places for vehicles, he may provide such parking places in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and for that purpose may —

- (a) utilise any land which may lawfully be acquired or appropriated for that purpose; or
- (b) by order authorise the use as a parking place of any part of a road:

Provided that no such order shall authorise the use of any part of a road so as unreasonably to prevent access to any premises adjoining the road, or the use of the road by any person entitled to the use thereof, or so as to be a nuisance.

Use of property as a private parking place

4.—(1) No person shall maintain or operate any private parking place unless he is a holder of a valid licence.

(2) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette* —

- (a) authorise the use as a private parking place of any land or premises with respect to which an agreement has been made between the Superintendent and the owner or the occupier thereof for the use of such land or premises as a private parking place; and
- (b) prescribe the manner in which a licensee shall maintain or operate a licensed private parking place.

(3) The Superintendent or any person authorised by him may manage and superintend any private parking place referred to in paragraph (a) of subsection (2).

Adaptation of land for use as a parking place

5. The Minister may take all such steps as may be necessary to adapt for use as a parking place any land not being part of a road which he may utilise for that purpose under this Act.

Appointment of Superintendents

6.—(1) The Authority shall appoint a Superintendent of Car Parks who shall be responsible for the performance of the duties and functions assigned to the Superintendent under this Act.

(2) The Authority may appoint such number of Deputy Superintendents and Assistant Superintendents of Car Parks as may from time to time be required for the purposes of this Act.

Government or the Authority not liable for loss or damage

7. The exercise by the Minister of his powers under this Act with respect to the use as a parking place or otherwise of any part of a road or any other place shall not render the Government or the Authority subject to any liability in respect of loss of or damage to any vehicle or the fittings or contents of any vehicle parked in such parking place or otherwise.

Rules

8.—(1) The Minister may make rules —

- (a) as to the use of parking places and in particular as to the vehicles or class of vehicles which are entitled to use any such parking places and as to the conditions upon and the times during which such parking places may be used; and
- (b) for the control, regulation or supervision by registration, licensing or otherwise of private parking places, garages and places kept or used for the housing or parking of vehicles except garages or places used in connection with private dwelling-houses for housing or parking vehicles kept for private use only.

(2) Such rules may —

- (a) prescribe fees to be paid for the grant or renewal of any licence; and
- (b) prescribe the time within which charges prescribed by section 9 shall be