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An Act to amend the Destruction of Disease-Bearing Insects Act (Chapter 152 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 Destruction of Disease-Bearing Insects (Amendment) Act, 1973, 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 Destruction of Disease-Bearing Insects Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting the definitions of “Commissioner” and “Director” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “Commissioner”, “Deputy Commissioner of Public Health” and “Assistant Commissioner of Public Health” mean respectively the Commissioner of Public Health, a Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and an Assistant Commissioner of Public Health appointed under subsection (1) of section 4 of the Environmental Public Health Act (Cap. 155);”;

(b) by inserting immediately after the word “includes” appearing in the first line of the definition of “disease-bearing insect” the words “every mosquito and house-fly and”; and

(c) by deleting the word “Director” appearing in the fourth line of the definition of “public health auxiliary” therein and substituting therefor the word “Commissioner”.

Repeal and re-enactment of sections 3 and 4

3. Sections 3 and 4 of the principal Act are hereby repealed and the following

substituted therefor: —

“Administration of this Act

3.—(1) The Commissioner shall be responsible for the administration of this Act, subject to the general or special directions of the Minister.

(2) A Senior Health Officer shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred on the Commissioner and on a Medical Officer of Health by or under this Act.

(3) The Minister may, in his discretion, by writing under his hand, vest any medical practitioner in the service of the Government with all or any of the powers conferred on a Medical Officer of Health by or under this Act.

Deputy Commissioner or Assistant Commissioner of Public Health to have the powers of Commissioner

4. A Deputy Commissioner of Public Health and an Assistant Commissioner of Public Health shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred on the Commissioner by or under this Act, subject to such limitations as the Commissioner may deem fit to impose.”.

Amendment of section 5

4. Subsection (1) of section 5 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word “Director” appearing in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the word “Commissioner”.

Amendment of section 6

5. Section 6 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after subsection (4) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(5) If in any proceedings for a contravention of the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, it is shown that an act or thing done or performed in any premises may, or is liable to, create such conditions as may be favourable to the propagation or harbouring of disease-bearing insects, it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, that the act or thing was done or performed by, or with the permission of, the owner or the occupier of such premises.”.

Amendment of section 8

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

(a) by inserting immediately after the words “land development” appearing in the second line and in the fifth line of subsection (1) thereof in each case

the expression “, land reclamation, excavation, quarrying”;

- (b) by deleting the expression “the Director,” appearing in the sixth line of subsection (1) thereof; and
- (c) by inserting immediately after the words “land development” appearing in the second line of subsection (2) thereof the expression “, land reclamation, excavation, quarrying”.

Amendment of section 9

7. Subsection (4) of section 9 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “land” appearing in the fourth line thereof the words “in accordance with such specifications or in such manner as he may specify in such order”.

Amendment of section 13

8. Subsection (1) of section 13 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately before the word “premises” appearing in the third line thereof the expression “pond, well, pool or other body of water or any”.

New sections 20A, 20B and 20C

9. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 20 thereof the following new sections: —

“Names and addresses of certain persons to be given on demand

20A.—(1) A person who is charged by the Commissioner, a police officer, a Medical Officer of Health or a public health auxiliary with an offence under this Act or any regulations made thereunder shall, on demand, give his name and address and such other proof of identity to the Commissioner, police officer, Medical Officer of Health or public health auxiliary, as may be required.

(2) The occupier of premises shall, if required by the Commissioner, a police officer, a Medical Officer of Health or a public health auxiliary, give his name and other proof of identity and the name and address of the owner of the premises, if known.

(3) A person residing or lodging in any premises shall, if required by the Commissioner, a police officer, a Medical Officer of Health or a public health auxiliary, give his name and other proof of identity and the name and address of the occupier of the premises, if known.

(4) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1), (2) or (3) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on