

Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

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Read the first time on 16th February 1973.

An Act to amend the Merchant Shipping Act (Chapter 172 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 Merchant Shipping (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. Paragraph (a) of section 2 of the Merchant Shipping Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the definition of “alteration” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “Authority” means The Port of Singapore Authority established under the Port of Singapore Authority Act (Cap. 173);”;

- (b) by inserting immediately after the definition of “port” appearing therein the following new definition: —

“ “Port Master” means the Port Master appointed under section 35 of the Port of Singapore Authority Act and includes any Deputy Port Master appointed under that section;”;

- (c) by deleting the definition of “vessel” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

“ “vessel” includes any ship or boat or air cushioned vehicle or floating rig or platform used in any form of operations at sea or any other description of vessel;”.

New section 8A

3. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 8 thereof the following new section: —

“Delegation of powers

8A. The Authority may delegate to any of its officers all or any of the functions and powers conferred on the Authority by this Act.”.

Repeal of section 14

4. Section 14 of the principal Act is hereby repealed.

Amendment of section 17

5. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 17 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the comma appearing at the end of sub-paragraph (viii) thereof and substituting therefor a semicolon; and
- (b) by deleting the expression “(ix) steersman;” appearing at the end thereof.

Amendment of section 21

6. Section 21 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the expression “, helmsmen and steersmen” appearing in the second line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the words “and helmsmen”; and
- (b) by deleting the words “or steersmen” appearing in the second line of the proviso to subsection (3) thereof.

Amendment of section 23

7. Section 23 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the expression “, lifeboatman or steersman” appearing in the second and third lines thereof and substituting therefor the words “or lifeboatman”.

Amendment of section 25

8. Subsection (2) of section 25 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the expression “, steersman,” appearing in the second line thereof.

Amendment of section 163

9. Subsection (2) of section 163 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word “Director” appearing therein and substituting therefor the words “Port Master”.

Amendment of section 197

10. Subsection (2) of section 197 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the word “Director” appearing in the first line thereof and substituting therefor the words “Port Master”.