

National Cadet Corps Bill

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An Act to provide for the raising and maintenance of a National Cadet Corps and for matters connected therewith; and to repeal the Malayan Air Training Corps Act (Chapter 231) and the Singapore Sea Cadet Corps Act (Chapter 236).

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 National Cadet Corps Act, 1972, 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 —

“cadet” means a person enrolled in the Corps under section 8 of this Act;

“Commandant” means the person for the time being appointed under section 6 of this Act;

“commanding officer” means an officer for the time being commanding a unit of the Corps;

“Corps” means the National Cadet Corps established under this Act;

“Council” means the National Cadet Corps Council established under section 5 of this Act;

“member” means any officer or cadet appointed or enrolled in the Corps, as the case may be, and includes a person undergoing an officer cadet course;

“officer” means a person appointed as such by the Minister under section 9 of this Act;

“permanent resident” means any person who is not subject to any restriction as to his period of residence imposed under the provisions of any written law relating to immigration for the time being in force in Singapore;

“school” has the same meaning as in the Education Act (Cap. 175);

“Singapore Armed Forces” means the Singapore Armed Forces raised under the provisions of the Singapore Armed Forces Act, 1972 (Act 7 of 1972).

Raising and maintenance of the National Cadet Corps

3. There shall be raised and maintained in the manner hereinafter provided a Corps to be known as the National Cadet Corps.

Organisation

4.—(1) The Corps shall consist of such headquarters, units, training institutions, services, departments or other like bodies as the Minister may from time to time establish.

(2) The Corps shall be a unified corps consisting of land, maritime and air divisions and shall consist of such numbers of cadets as the Minister may from time to time determine.

(3) The Corps shall be affiliated to the Singapore Armed Forces for the purposes of training but members of the Corps shall not be members of the Singapore Armed Forces.

(4) The Minister may disband any unit, training institution, service, department or

other body established under subsection (1) of this section in whole or in part or amalgamate any such unit, training institution, services, department or other body or alter their name or title thereof.

Establishment of National Cadet Corps Council

5.—(1) For the purpose of the administration of matters relating to the Corps there shall be established the National Cadet Corps Council consisting of a Chairman to be appointed by the Minister, a Deputy Chairman and two members to be nominated by the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence and such other members as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Council shall be empowered to delegate any of its functions and powers to any officer of the Singapore Armed Forces or to any officer appointed under this Act.

(3) The Council may meet at such intervals as it thinks fit and may regulate its own procedure.

Appointment of Commandant

6.—(1) The Minister shall, on the recommendation of the Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence, appoint a Commandant who shall exercise executive command of the Corps and who shall be responsible to the Council in matters of administration affecting recruitment, promotion, training, conditions of service, finance and discipline of the Corps.

(2) The Commandant may, from time to time, make such general or routine orders, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any regulations made thereunder, for the control, direction and information of the Corps as he thinks fit and it shall not be necessary to publish such general or routine orders in the *Gazette*.

(3) The Council may appoint a Deputy Commandant and so many other Assistant Commandants as the Council may think necessary to assist the Commandant in the general administration of matters relating to the Corps.

Command and affiliation

7. The Minister may, on the recommendation of the Council, place the Corps or any unit thereof under the command of any officer of the Singapore Armed Forces or affiliate any unit to a unit of the Singapore Armed Forces.

Eligibility

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act and the regulations made thereunder any person who is a citizen of Singapore or a permanent resident thereof shall be eligible to

be enrolled as a cadet in the Corps.

(2) The Minister may in special cases approve the enrolment of persons who are neither citizens of Singapore nor permanent residents thereof in the Corps.

Appointment of officers, honorary officers and honorary instructors

9.—(1) The Minister may appoint officers of the Corps from among the teaching staff of any school or from among members of the Corps.

(2) The Minister may appoint honorary officers to the Corps from among such persons as he thinks fit.

(3) The Minister may appoint persons who are not members of the Corps who wish to volunteer their services to the Corps as honorary instructors.

(4) An officer, honorary officer or honorary instructor of the Corps may, with the approval of the Minister, at any time resign his appointment.

(5) The Minister may, with or without assigning any reason therefor, revoke the appointment of any officer, honorary officer or honorary instructor.

Secondment of Singapore Armed Forces personnel

10. The Permanent Secretary to the Ministry of Defence may second a member or members of the Singapore Armed Forces for service in the Corps on a full-time or part-time basis.

Discharge and dismissal

11.—(1) Subject to the regulations made under this Act, every cadet may be discharged from the Corps on the expiration of the period for which he was enrolled.

(2) The Commandant may, on the recommendation of the commanding officer, dismiss any cadet.

(3) In the case of a cadet who is a student of a school, the concurrence of the principal of the school to which the cadet belongs to the dismissal of the cadet shall be obtained by the Commandant.

Disobedience of regulations, standing orders, etc.

12. Any cadet who —

- (a) in such manner as to show wilful defiance of authority, disobeys any lawful command given to him or conveyed to him personally; or
- (b) contravenes or fails to comply with any order or regulation made under