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Expenditure of Public Money

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Read the first time on 22nd July 1970.

An Act to amend the Environmental Public Health Act, 1968 (No. 32 of 1968).

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

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Environmental Public Health (Amendment) Act,

1970, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Environmental Public Health Act, 1968 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended —

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

“ “Director” means the Director of Public Works appointed under section 13 of the Local Government Integration Ordinance, 1963 (Ord. 18 of 1963), and includes a Deputy Director of Public Works and an Assistant Director of Public Works appointed under the said section;” and

(b) by inserting immediately after the expression “road,” appearing in the first line of the definition of “street” therein the expression “fly-over,”.

Amendment of section 22

3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 22 of the principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after the word “Commissioner” appearing in the third line thereof the expression “or except as required by the Commissioner under section 22A of this Act”.

New section 22A

4. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 22 thereof the following new section: —

“Commissioner may require developer to provide certain services

22A.—(1) The Commissioner may, in his discretion, by notice in writing require the developer of any premises or group of premises —

(a) to cause, at the expense of such developer, such portion of the street as fronts, adjoins or abuts on such premises or group of premises to be properly swept, cleansed and watered, and the dust, dirt, building debris, garbage, refuse, rubbish or other matter or thing found thereon to be collected and removed for such period or periods and subject to such conditions and requirements as may be specified in such notice; or

- (b) to provide, at the expense of such developer, a night-soil removal service for such period or periods and subject to such conditions and requirements as may be specified in such notice.

(2) Any developer who refuses, neglects or fails to comply with any notice issued by the Commissioner under the provisions of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.

(3) Where any developer who has been served with a notice under subsection (1) of this section fails to comply therewith, the Commissioner may, in his discretion, without prejudice to any proceedings under subsection (2) of this section and whether before or after the commencement or conclusion of such proceedings, or without instituting such proceedings, carry out all or any of the requirements set out in such notice and recover from such developer the costs and expenses thereof in the manner provided in section 119 of this Act.”.

New section 24A

5. The principal Act is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 24 thereof the following new section: —

“Prohibition on use of night-soil for manuring earth in pots, etc

24A. Any person who uses night-soil or human excreta for the purpose of manuring any earth, soil or other substance contained in any pot, box, container or other receptacle shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.”.

Amendment of section 26

6. Section 26 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

- (a) by inserting immediately after the word “*Places*” appearing in the cross-heading above section 26 thereof the expression “*and Pollution of Reservoirs, etc*”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following new subsections: —

“(1A) Any person who deposits any refuse, rubbish, filth, garbage or any other matter or thing in any stream, river, drain, channel or watercourse or upon the bank of any of the same or in any part of the sea abutting on the foreshore, shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and may be arrested without warrant by any police

officer or by any public officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner and taken before a Magistrate's Court and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.

(1B) Any person who, in any part of a reservoir or lake used for the storage and supply of water for public consumption or in any part of a stream, river or canal draining into such reservoir or lake —

- (a) causes or suffers any animal to enter into any such reservoir, lake, stream, river or canal;
- (b) washes or causes to be washed any animal or anything in or near such reservoir, lake, stream, river or canal;
- (c) throws or puts any matter or thing into any such reservoir, lake, stream, river or canal;
- (d) bathes in or near such reservoir, lake, stream, river or canal; or
- (e) does any act whereby water in such reservoir, lake, stream, river or canal is in any way fouled or its quality altered,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and may be arrested without warrant by any police officer or by any public officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Commissioner and taken before a Magistrate's Court and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and in the case of a second or subsequent conviction to a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars.”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (10) thereof the following new subsection: —

“(11) The provisions of subsections (1), (1A), (1B), (2) and (4) to (7) of this section shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to any person who contravenes any regulations made under this Act in respect of public cleansing.”; and

- (d) by inserting immediately after the expression “subsection (1)” appearing in subsections (2), (5), (7) and (8) thereof the expression “, (1A) or (1B)”.

Amendment of section 28