

Light Dues Bill

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Read the first time on 15th October 1969.

An Act to establish a corporation to be known as the Singapore Light Dues Board and to repeal and re-enact with amendments the Light Dues Ordinance, 1957 (No. 6 of 1957).

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1. This Act may be cited as the Light Dues Act, 1969, 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 —

“the Board” means the Singapore Light Dues Board established under section 3 of this Act;

“Director of Marine” means the Director of Marine appointed under section 9 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance (Cap. 207);

“the Fund” means the Light Dues Fund established under section 20 of this Act;

“light dues” means the light dues payable under section 22 of this Act;

“ship” includes every description of vessel used in navigation and not propelled by oars;

“Singapore” means the Republic of Singapore and shall be deemed to include the Island of Singapore and all islands and places which on the 2nd day of June 1959, were administered as part of Singapore and all territorial waters adjacent thereto;

“vessel” includes any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used in navigation.

PART II

THE SINGAPORE LIGHT DUES BOARD

Establishment and incorporation of the Singapore Light Dues Board

3.—(1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the “Singapore Light Dues Board”, which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and which may sue and be sued in its corporate name and perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

(2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and eight other members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Minister.

(3) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall, unless their appointment is revoked by the Minister under the provisions of subsection (5) of this section or unless they resign during their period of office, each hold office for such period not exceeding three years as the Minister may think fit, and shall be eligible for reappointment on completion of such period.

(4) The Minister may appoint any suitable person to be a temporary Chairman or temporary member of the Board during the absence or incapacity owing to illness or otherwise of the Chairman or other member of the Board.

(5) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of the Chairman or any other member of the Board.

Quorum

4.—(1) The quorum at all meetings of the Board shall be five members present, and

no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

(2) The Chairman, or in his absence such member as the members of the Board present shall select, shall preside at meetings of the Board.

(3) A decision of the majority of the members of the Board present and voting at a meeting of the Board shall be deemed to be a decision of the Board.

(4) In the event of the votes for and against any question being equal, the Chairman or in his absence the member presiding at the meeting of the Board as provided in subsection (2) of this section shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote.

Vacancies

5. Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of section 4 of this Act, the Board shall not be precluded from holding any meeting or acting in any matter merely by reason of any vacancy in its membership.

Rules

6. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may make rules for the conduct of its proceedings.

Duties of the Board

7. It shall be the duty of the Board to aid the safe navigation of ships by providing and maintaining, as the Board considers necessary, lighthouses, buoys, beacons and other navigational aids in Singapore and the approaches thereto, at Pedra Branca (Horsburgh), at Pulau Pisang and at such other places as the Board may think fit.

Powers of the Board

8.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board may carry on such activities as appear to the Board to be advantageous, necessary or convenient for it to carry on for, or in connection with, the discharge of its duties under this Act and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, the Board may exercise any or all of the following powers: —

- (a) acquire, purchase, take, hold and enjoy movable and immovable property of every description and sell, convey, assign, surrender and yield up, charge, mortgage, demise, reassign, transfer or otherwise dispose of, or deal with, any movable or immovable property vested in the Board upon such terms and conditions as to the Board seem fit;
- (b) acquire, hire, procure, construct, erect, manufacture, provide, operate, maintain or repair anything whatsoever, whether movable or immovable,