

National Library (Amendment) Bill

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An Act to amend the National Library Ordinance, 1957 (No. 31 of 1957).

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 Library (Amendment) Act, 1968, 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 National Library Ordinance, 1957 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “literary material” appearing therein and substituting therefor the following: —

““library material” means any form of written or graphic record, including manuscripts, typescripts, books, newspapers, periodicals, music, photographs, maps, prints, drawings and other graphic art forms, films, film strips, gramophone records, tape recordings and other recordings on paper, film or other material and reproductions thereof;”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Functions of the National Library

5. The functions of the National Library shall be —

- (a) to promote and encourage the use of library material and information therefrom by the establishment of lending and reference libraries and mobile library services;
- (b) to acquire library material generally, and, in particular, to acquire a comprehensive collection of library material, both current and retrospective, relating to Singapore;
- (c) to collect and receive all books required to be deposited in the National Library under the provisions of the Printers and Publishers Ordinance (Cap. 196) and to preserve such books;
- (d) to make library material available for reference and for loan subject to proper safeguards against loss or damage;