

Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 23rd February 1966.

An Act to amend the Prevention of Corruption Ordinance, 1960 (No. 39 of 1960).

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

Short title

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 1966.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Prevention of Corruption Ordinance, 1960 (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the Ordinance”) is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “under the Crown or” in the third line of the definition of “agent” appearing therein; and
- (b) by deleting the words “under the Crown or the Government or a public body includes the Crown or” in the sixth, seventh and eighth lines of the definition of “principal” appearing therein and substituting therefor the words “the Government or a public body includes”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Yang di-Pertuan Negara” appearing in the first line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “President”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(2) The President may appoint Assistant Directors, senior special investigators, special investigators and such other officers of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau as he may think fit.”.

Amendment of section 4

4. Section 4 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting subsection (1) thereof;
- (b) by renumbering the existing subsection (2) as subsection (1) and by deleting the word “All” appearing in the first line of that subsection and substituting therefor the expression “The Director, Assistant Directors,”; and
- (c) by renumbering the existing subsection (3) thereof as subsection (2) and by deleting the words “senior special investigators and special investigators” appearing in the first and second lines of that subsection and substituting therefor the words “officers of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 5

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 Section 5 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Punishment of corruption

5. Any person who shall by himself or by or in conjunction with any other person —

- (a) corruptly solicit or receive, or agree to receive for himself, or for any other person; or
- (b) corruptly give, promise or offer to any person whether for the benefit of that person or of another person, any gratification as an inducement to or reward for, or otherwise on account of —
 - (i) any person doing or forbearing to do anything in respect of any matter or transaction whatsoever, actual or proposed; or
 - (ii) any member, officer or servant of a public body doing or forbearing to do anything in respect of any matter or transaction whatsoever, actual or proposed, in which such public body is concerned,

shall be guilty of an offence under this Ordinance and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars or to both such imprisonment and fine.”.

Amendment of section 7

6. Section 7 of the Ordinance is hereby amended by deleting the expression “with Her Majesty or with any department of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom functioning in Singapore or” appearing in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof.

Amendment of section 8

7. Section 8 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the expression “of Her Majesty or of any department of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom functioning in Singapore or” appearing in the fourth, fifth and sixth lines thereof; and
- (b) by deleting the expression “Her Majesty or any department of Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom functioning in Singapore or” appearing in the ninth, tenth and eleventh lines thereof.

Amendment of section 11

8. Section 11 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “the Legislative Assembly” wherever they appear

therein and substituting therefor the word “Parliament”; and

- (b) by deleting the words “Legislative Assembly” appearing in the marginal note thereto and substituting therefor the word “Parliament”.

Amendment of section 12

9. Paragraph (b) of section 12 is hereby amended by deleting the expression “such member as is referred to in paragraph (a) of this section” appearing in the first and second lines thereof and substituting therefor the words “a member of a public body”.

Amendment of section 15

10. Section 15 of the Ordinance is hereby amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “Any senior special investigator and” appearing in the first line of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “The Director, any Assistant Director, any senior special investigator or”;
- (b) by deleting the word “Any” appearing in the first line of subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “The Director, any Assistant Director, any”;
- (c) by deleting the expression “, together with any such articles found upon him,” appearing in the first and second lines of subsection (3) thereof; and
- (d) by deleting the words “to be handed over to a police officer” appearing in the third line of subsection (3) thereof.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 16

11. Section 16 of the Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: —

“Powers of investigation

16. In any case relating to the commission —

- (a) of an offence under section 165 or under sections 213 to 215 of the Penal Code (*Cap. 119*), or of any conspiracy to commit, or of any attempt to commit, or of any abetment of such offence; or
- (b) of an offence under this Ordinance; or
- (c) of any seizable offence under any written law which may be disclosed in the course of an investigation under this Ordinance,