

**Protected Areas and Protected Places Act
(CHAPTER 256)**

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**PROTECTED AREAS AND PROTECTED PLACES ACT
(CHAPTER 256)**

An Act to provide for protected areas and protected places.

[16th September 1963]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Protected Areas and Protected Places Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act —

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) any police officer;
- (b) any person holding a commission in the Singapore Armed Forces or in any visiting forces lawfully present in Singapore;
- (c) any member of the Singapore Armed Forces or of any visiting forces lawfully present in Singapore performing the duties of a guard or sentry in any protected area or protected place in accordance with orders issued by a person holding a commission in the Singapore Armed Forces or of any visiting forces lawfully present in Singapore; or
- (d) any person performing the duties of a guard or watchman in a protected area or a protected place and specially authorised in that behalf under section 3;

“divisional police officer” means the police officer in charge of a police division;

“protected area” means any area declared to be a protected area by virtue of section 4;

“protected place” means any premises declared to be a protected place by virtue of section 5.

Authorisation of guards and watchmen

3. The Commissioner of Police, any divisional police officer and any police officer of or above the rank of assistant superintendent empowered in that behalf by the

Commissioner of Police or a divisional police officer, may authorise any person performing the duties of a guard or watchman in a protected area or a protected place to exercise the powers of an authorised officer under this Act.

Protected areas

4.—(1) If as respects any area it appears to the Minister to be necessary or expedient that special measures should be taken to control the movements and conduct of persons in the area, he may by order declare that area to be a protected area for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Any person who is in any protected area shall comply with such directions for regulating his movement and conduct as may be given by an authorised officer, and an authorised officer may search any person entering, or seeking to enter, or being in, a protected area, and may detain any such person for the purpose of searching him.

(3) If any person while in a protected area fails to comply with any direction given under subsection (2), then, without prejudice to any proceedings which may be taken against him, he may be removed from the area by an authorised officer.

Protected places

5.—(1) If as respects any premises it appears to the Minister to be necessary or expedient that special precautions should be taken to prevent the entry into the premises of unauthorised persons, he may by order declare those premises to be a protected place for the purposes of this Act; and so long as the order is in force, no person shall be in those premises unless he is in possession of a pass-card or permit issued by such authority or person as may be specified in the order, or has received the permission of an authorised officer on duty at those premises to enter those premises.

(2) Where, in pursuance of this section, any person is granted permission to be in a protected place, that person shall, while acting under such permission, comply with such directions for regulating his conduct as may be given by the authority or person granting the permission; and an authorised officer, or any person authorised in that behalf by the occupier of the premises, may search any person entering, or seeking to enter, or being in, a protected place, and may detain any such person for the purpose of searching him.

(3) If any person is in a protected place in contravention of this section, or while in such a place the person fails to comply with any direction given under this section, then, without prejudice to any proceedings which may be taken against him, he may be removed from the place by an authorised officer or any person authorised in that behalf by the occupier of the premises.

(4) Pass-cards or permits issued under subsection (1) shall be in such form as may be specified in the order made under that subsection, or in such form as the authority or