

**Rapid Transit Systems Act
(CHAPTER 263A)**

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RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACT

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An Act to provide for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of rapid transit systems, to transfer the functions, assets and liabilities of the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation to the Land Transport Authority of Singapore.

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PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Rapid Transit Systems Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“Authority” means the Land Transport Authority of Singapore established under the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 158A);

“competent authority” means the competent authority appointed under section 5 of the Planning Act (Cap. 232) in respect of the development of land;

“construction”, with its grammatical variations and cognate expressions, in relation to a railway, includes —

- (a) the reconstruction or realignment of the railway;
- (b) permanently improving the railway or otherwise bringing it to a higher standard,

and any associated investigative and engineering studies, but does not include the planning, maintenance and management of the railway;

“Corporation” means the Mass Rapid Transit Corporation established under the repealed Act;

“land” includes and may, where the context so requires, have any one or more of the following meanings separately:

- (a) land of any tenure and so much of the airspace above the surface as may be reasonably used or enjoyed by any owner thereof, and all substances under the surface, whether or not held apart from the surface;
- (b) the whole or part of any building or other erection or fixture on land;
- (c) where an undivided share of a leasehold interest in land has appurtenant to it rights to the exclusive use and occupation of a building or part thereof on such land, such share in the land and all rights appurtenant thereto;
- (d) any other estate, right, share or interest in land;

“licensee” means a company which is licensed under this Act to operate any rapid transit system;

“railway” means a network or system of fixed horizontal rails, tracks, grooves or other guide-ways on, under or above the ground along which a train moves or runs, and includes all tunnels, viaducts, bridges, crossings, stabling yards, depots, stations and other infrastructures constructed or intended to be constructed for any railway and any extensions thereto;

“railway area” means the land delineated as such in plans and maps prepared under section 3(1) or (3);

“railway premises” means any area, space or building owned or occupied by the Authority which is designed, equipped or set apart for the carriage of passengers by train or for affording facilities incidental to the carriage of passengers by train and includes any train on such premises;

“rapid transit system” means any one of the railways or any part thereof set up or