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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 3rd July 2000 and assented to by the President on 20th July 2000:—

**REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE**

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**No. 22 of 2000.**

I assent.



**S R NATHAN,**  
*President.*  
*20th July 2000.*

An Act to amend the Auctioneers' Licences Act (Chapter 16 of the 1985 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to the Arms and Explosives Act (Chapter 13 of the 1985 Revised Edition), the Central Provident Fund Act (Chapter 36 of the 1999 Revised Edition), the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act (Chapter 138A of the 1993 Revised Edition) and the Trustees Act (Chapter 337 of the 1999 Revised Edition).

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 Auctioneers' Licences (Amendment) Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

**Amendment of long title**

2. The long title to the Auctioneers' Licences Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended by deleting the word "auctioneers,".

**Amendment of section 1**

3. Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Auctioneers' Licences" and substituting the words "Appraisers and House Agents".

**Repeal of sections 2 and 3**

4. Sections 2 and 3 of the principal Act are repealed.

**Amendment of section 5**

5. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Form B" and substituting the words "Form A".

**Amendment of section 7**

6. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words "Form C" and substituting the words "Form B".

**Repeal and re-enactment of section 10**

7. Section 10 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

**"Exemption of officers of courts in levies not exceeding \$100**

10. It shall not be necessary for any Sheriff, bailiff or other officer of a court of justice, acting under the authority of the court and appraising any goods or chattels, whatever may be the value, or selling any goods or chattels, whether under writ of seizure and sale, distress or other writ or order —

- (a) to levy a sum not exceeding \$100, exclusive of expenses;  
or

(b) where the property to be sold is not expected to exceed \$100, to take out a licence as an appraiser under this Act.”.

### **Repeal of sections 11 and 12**

8. Sections 11 and 12 of the principal Act are repealed.

### **Amendment of section 13**

9. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by deleting paragraphs (b) to (e) and substituting the following paragraphs:

- “(b) any advocate and solicitor who as such has in force a practising certificate to take out in addition thereto a licence as a house agent; or
- (c) any appraiser having a licence in force under this Act to take out in addition thereto a licence as a house agent.”.

### **Amendment of section 14**

10. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “, or if an auctioneer has parted with any property entrusted to him for sale without obtaining payment for it and has failed to make good to his employer the value thereof or has otherwise misconducted himself as an auctioneer” in the 6th to 10th lines.

### **Amendment of section 15**

11. Section 15 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (b) and substituting the following paragraph:
  - “(b) has committed any offence as a house agent; or”;
- (b) by deleting paragraph (c); and
- (c) by re-lettering paragraph (d) as paragraph (c).

### **Repeal and re-enactment of section 18**

12. Section 18 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

#### **“Power to make regulations**

18. The Minister may make regulations necessary for or convenient to carrying out the provisions of this Act, including but not limited to the length of notice to be given and the manner

of advertising sales on the instructions of mortgagees acting under powers of sale or of any person in a position of trust with respect to or liable to account for the proceeds of sale.”.

### **Repeal and re-enactment of Schedule**

**13.** The Schedule to the principal Act is repealed and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

#### “THE SCHEDULE

#### FORM A

Section 5

#### APPRAISERS AND HOUSE AGENTS ACT (CHAPTER 16)

#### APPRAISER’S LICENCE

Subject to the provisions of the Appraisers and House Agents Act and all regulations made thereunder

residing at

and carrying on

the business of an

at

is hereby

licensed to carry on the business of an appraiser at his place of business

as described above or elsewhere in Singapore.

This Licence will continue in force until 31st December , unless previously cancelled under section 14 or 15 of the Act.

Given under my hand this day of 2000.

*Comptroller of Property Tax*

Prescribed fee of  
\$ paid.

## FORM B

Section 7

APPRAISERS AND HOUSE AGENTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 16)

## HOUSE AGENT'S LICENCE

Subject to the provisions of the Appraisers and House Agents Act and all regulations made thereunder carrying on the business of house agent at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ is  
\_\_\_\_\_ hereby licensed to carry on  
the business of house agent at  $\frac{\text{his}}{\text{their}}$  place of business as described above or elsewhere in Singapore.

This Licence will continue in force until 31st December \_\_\_\_\_, unless previously cancelled under section 14 or 15 of the Act.

Given under my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2000.

*Comptroller of Property Tax*

Prescribed fee of  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ paid.”.

**Consequential amendments**

**14.—**(1) The Arms and Explosives Act (Cap. 13) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the definition of “licensed auctioneer” in section 2 (1);
- (b) by deleting the words “or to a licensed auctioneer” in the 4th and 5th lines of section 13 (1); and
- (c) by deleting section 13 (2).

(2) The Third Schedule to the Central Provident Fund Act (Cap. 36) is amended by deleting item 3 and substituting the following item:

“3. Appraisers and House Agents Act (Cap. 16).”.

(3) The Third Schedule to the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 138A) is amended by deleting item 1 and substituting the following item:

“1. Appraisers and House Agents Act (Cap. 16).”.

(4) Part V of the First Schedule to the Trustees Act (Cap. 337) is amended by deleting the words “Auctioneer Licences Act” in paragraph 2 (*a*) and substituting the words “Appraisers and House Agents Act”.

(5) Any reference in any other written law to the Auctioneers’ Licences Act shall be read as a reference to the Appraisers and House Agents Act.

### **Transitional and saving**

**15.** Any person who, immediately before the commencement date of this Act, has in force a licence as an auctioneer under the principal Act shall be deemed to have in force a licence as an appraiser and as a house agent under the principal Act as amended by this Act until 31st December 2000, upon which date that licence shall be deemed to have expired.

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