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Official Secrets (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 26/2001.

Read the first time on 11th July 2001.

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Official Secrets Act (Chapter 213 of the 1985 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 Official Secrets (Amendment) Act
5 2001 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 Official Secrets Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “Government” in the 3rd line of the definition of “office under the Government” in subsection (1), the words “or any specified organisation”; 5
- (b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “prohibited place” in subsection (1) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition: 10
 - “ “specified organisation” means any organisation specified in the Schedule.”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following subsection: 15
 - “(3) The President may, by notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Schedule.”.

Amendment of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “Government” in the following subsections, the words “or any specified organisation”: 20
 - Subsections (1) (e) (5th line), (3) (5th line) and (4) (3rd line); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “public service” in the 6th line of subsection (4) and immediately after the word “Government” in the last line of that subsection, the words “or that specified organisation”. 25

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6 of the principal Act is amended — 30

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “department” in the 3rd and in the 6th lines of subsection (1) (f), the words “or any specified organisation”; 35
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “Government” in the 8th and 9th lines of subsection (1) (f), the words “or that specified organisation”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “or any person authorised by that department” in the 7th and 8th lines of subsection (2) (a) and substituting the words “or any specified organisation or any person authorised by that department or specified organisation”.

New Schedule

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 19, the following Schedule:

“THE SCHEDULE

Section 2 (1) and (3)

SPECIFIED ORGANISATIONS

1. Board of Commissioners of Currency, Singapore
2. Central Provident Fund Board
3. Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore
4. Commercial and Industrial Security Corporation
5. Defence Science and Technology Agency
6. DSO National Laboratories
7. Economic Development Board
8. Energy Market Authority of Singapore
9. Housing and Development Board
10. Info-communications Development Authority of Singapore
11. Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore
12. Jurong Town Corporation
13. Land Transport Authority of Singapore
14. Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore
15. Monetary Authority of Singapore
16. National Heritage Board
17. Public Utilities Board
18. Singapore Broadcasting Authority

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

19. Singapore Land Authority
 20. Trade Development Board
 21. Urban Redevelopment Authority.”.
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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Official Secrets Act (Cap. 213) so as to extend the provisions of section 5 (relating to wrongful communication of information) and section 6 (relating to unauthorised use of uniforms, falsification of reports, forgery, personation and false documents) to certain organisations specified in the Schedule to the Act. The President is empowered to amend the Schedule from time to time by notification in the *Gazette*.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.
