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Parking Places (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 66/2004.

Read the first time on 24th November 2004.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Parking Places Act (Chapter 214 of the 1996 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 Parking Places (Amendment) Act 2004 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 **Amendment of section 2**

2. Section 2 of the Parking Places Act (referred to in this Act as the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “private parking place” in the definition of “licence”, the words “for the parking or housing of one or more heavy vehicles”; and
- 10 (b) by deleting the words “5 or more” in paragraph (a) of the definition of “private parking place” and substituting the words “one or more”.

Amendment of section 5

15 3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “private parking place” in subsection (1), the words “for the parking or housing of one or more heavy vehicles”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (4).

20 **Amendment of section 8**

4. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the word “documents” in subsection (1)(d), the words “in such form (including electronic form)”; and
- 25 (b) by deleting the word “Authority” in subsection (2)(c) and substituting the word “Superintendent”.

New sections 15A and 15B

5. The principal Act is amended by inserting, immediately after section 15, the following sections:

“Power to require information

15A. The Authority or the Superintendent may require any owner or occupier of a private parking place to furnish such information relating to the private parking place as the Authority or the Superintendent considers necessary or expedient for the performance of its or his functions or duties under this Act.

Power of entry

15B.—(1) The Superintendent or any person authorised by the Authority or the Superintendent (referred to in this section as an authorised person) may —

- (a) for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is or has been a contravention of any provision of this Act or any rules made thereunder; or
- (b) for such other purpose incidental to or in connection with the performance of the functions or duties of the Authority or the Superintendent under this Act,

enter any private parking place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. to make any survey or inspection without being liable to any legal proceedings or molestation on account of such entry or any thing done in such private parking place.

(2) No person shall, except with the consent of the owner or occupier of a private parking place, enter the parking place by virtue of the powers conferred by subsection (1) without at least 6 hours' previous notice being given to the owner or occupier of the private parking place, if any.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where it is necessary or expedient to make any survey or inspection outside the hours specified in subsection (1), the Superintendent or any authorised person may enter any private parking place by giving at least 6 hours' previous notice to the owner or occupier of the private parking place.”.

Transitional provisions

6.—(1) Any licence issued under the principal Act in force immediately before the date of commencement of this Act in respect of a private parking place shall cease to have effect as from that date in so far as the

licence authorises the parking or housing of motor vehicles other than heavy vehicles (referred to in this section as non-heavy vehicles).

(2) The Superintendent may —

- 5 (a) require the holder of a licence referred to in subsection (1) to surrender the licence to him for cancellation; and
- (b) where the licence was issued in respect of the parking or housing of heavy vehicles and non-heavy vehicles, issue a new licence in respect of the parking or housing of heavy vehicles only for the unexpired period of the original licence.

- 10 (3) Upon the surrender of a licence referred to in subsection (1), the Superintendent may refund to the holder of the licence such part of the licence fee paid in respect of the parking or housing of non-heavy vehicles for the unexpired period of the licence.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214).

Clause 1 relates to the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 amends the definitions of “licence” and “private parking place” in section 2. The definition of “licence” is amended in consequence of the de-regulation of private parking places for the parking or housing of non-heavy vehicles under the amended section 5 (clause 3). The definition of “private parking place” is amended to include any land or premises for the parking or housing of one or more motor vehicles.

Clause 3 amends section 5 —

- (a) to require only private parking places for the parking or housing of one or more heavy vehicles to be licensed; and
- (b) to abolish the regulation of parking fees and charges for private parking places.

Clause 4 amends the rule-making powers of the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (the Authority) under section 8 —

- (a) to make it clear that vehicle parking certificates or other documents in connection with the control and regulation of the parking of heavy vehicles may be issued in any form (including electronic form) as determined by the Superintendent of Car Parks (the Superintendent); and
- (b) to reflect the fact that the facilities, devices and appurtenances for the payment and collection of parking charges for parking places are installed by the Superintendent and not the Authority.

Clause 5 inserts new sections 15A and 15B which confer certain powers on the Authority and the Superintendent for the purposes of the performance of their functions and duties under the Act. The new section 15A relates to the power to require information relating to private parking places and the new section 15B relates to the power of entry into private parking places for survey or inspection.

Clause 6 contains transitional provisions.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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