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Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Bill

Bill No. 29/2005.

Read the first time on 17th October 2005.

A BILL

i n t i t u l e d

An Act to amend the Small Claims Tribunals Act (Chapter 308 of the 1998 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 Small Claims Tribunals (Amendment) Act 2005 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

5 Amendment of section 5

2. Section 5(1) of the Small Claims Tribunals Act is amended —

(a) by deleting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (a); and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (b) and substituting the word “; and”, and by inserting immediately
10 thereafter the following paragraph:

“(c) any claim relating to a dispute arising from any contract for the lease of residential premises that does not exceed 2 years.”.

Amendment of section 38

15 3. Section 38 of the Small Claims Tribunals Act is amended by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following subsections:

“(1A) An appeal shall lie to the High Court under this section only if leave to appeal is given by the District Court.

(1B) For the avoidance of doubt, leave of the District Court is
20 necessary even if one of the grounds stated in subsection (1) is shown to exist.”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Small Claims Tribunals Act (Cap. 308).

Clause 1 relates to the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 amends section 5(1) to expand the current jurisdiction of the Small Claims Tribunals to include claims relating to a dispute arising from any contract for the lease of residential premises not exceeding 2 years.

Clause 3 amends section 38 by inserting 2 new subsections.

The new subsection (1A) provides that leave of the District Court is required before an appeal against an order made by the Small Claims Tribunal can be made to the High Court.

The new subsection (1B) clarifies that such leave is necessary even if one of the grounds stated in section 38(1) is shown to exist.

EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

This Bill will involve the Government in extra financial expenditure, the exact amount of which cannot at present be ascertained.
