

# **Fire Safety (Amendment) Bill**

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**Bill No. 31/2016.**

*Read the first time on 10 October 2016.*

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An Act to amend the Fire Safety Act (Chapter 109A of the 2000 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 is the Fire Safety (Amendment) Act 2016 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

### 5 Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2(1) of the Fire Safety Act is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (a) of the definition of “pipeline owner” and substituting the following paragraph:

10                                   “(a) if the section of the relevant pipeline is entirely or partially on a piperack or pipetrack, the person who owns or leases, and has management and control, of the piperack or pipetrack; or”;

15                                   (b) by deleting the words “if paragraph (a) does not apply,” in paragraph (b) of the definition of “pipeline owner” and substituting the words “if the entire section of the relevant pipeline is not on a piperack or pipetrack,”; and

20                                   (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “piperack or pipetrack” in the definition of “relevant pipeline”, the words “, if any,”.

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## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Fire Safety Act (Cap. 109A) to allow the Commissioner of Civil Defence to license as “pipeline owner” the person who owns or leases, and has management and control over, the infrastructure of relevant pipelines within a pipeline corridor, for the purposes of establishing responsibility for emergency response, and maintaining the safety and security of all pipelines running through the pipeline corridor.

Clause 1 relates to the short title and commencement.

Clause 2 amends the definition of “pipeline owner” in section 2(1) —

- (a) to clarify that the pipeline owner refers to the person who owns or leases, and has management and control of, the piperack or pipetrack on which the section of relevant pipeline runs (and not the individual pipeline), where the pipeline is entirely or partially on the piperack or pipetrack; and
- (b) to clarify who is the pipeline owner where the section of the relevant pipeline does not run on a piperack or pipetrack (i.e. it is wholly underground).

Clause 2 also amends the definition of “relevant pipeline” to clarify its applicability for sections of relevant pipeline which are underground and where there are no piperacks or pipetracks.

## EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC MONEY

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

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