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An Act to control recruiting in Singapore for the service of foreign States.

[9th January 1875]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Foreign Recruiting Act.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless there is something repugnant in the subject or context, “foreign State” includes any person or persons exercising, or assuming to exercise, the powers of government in or over any country, colony, province, or people beyond the limits of Singapore.

Power to prohibit or permit recruiting

3. If any person is, within the limits of Singapore, obtaining, or attempting to obtain, recruits for the service of any foreign State in any capacity, the President may by order in writing, signed by the Minister, either prohibit that person from so doing or permit him to do so subject to any conditions which the President imposes.

Power to impose conditions

4. The President may by general order notified in the *Gazette* either prohibit recruiting for the service of any foreign State, or impose upon such recruiting any conditions which he thinks fit.

Punishment of offences

5. Any person who in violation of the prohibition of the President, or of any condition subject to which permission to recruit has been accorded —

- (a) induces or attempts to induce any person to accept, agree to accept, or to proceed to any place with a view of obtaining, any commission or employment in the service of any foreign State; or
- (b) knowingly aids in the engagement of any person so induced by forwarding or conveying him, or by advancing money, or in any other way whatever,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 7 years or to both.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
FOREIGN RECRUITING ACT
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1. Act 3 of 1875 — Foreign Recruiting Act 1875

Date of First Reading	: 11 December 1874
Date of Second Reading	: 28 December 1874
Date of Third Reading	: 2 January 1875
Date of commencement	: 19 May 1875

2. 1926 Revised Edition — Ordinance No. 19 (Foreign Recruiting)

Date of operation	: 1 August 1926
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3. 1936 Revised Edition — Foreign Recruiting Ordinance (Chapter 199)

Date of operation	: 1 September 1936
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4. 1955 Revised Edition — Foreign Recruiting Ordinance (Chapter 219)

Date of operation	: 1 July 1956
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5. S (N.S.) 177/59 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 3) Order 1959

Date of commencement	: 20 November 1959
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6. S (N.S.) 178/59 — Singapore Constitution (Modification of Laws) (No. 4) Order 1959

Date of commencement	: 20 November 1959
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7. 1970 Revised Edition — Foreign Recruiting Act (Chapter 247)

Date of operation	: 31 July 1971
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8. 1985 Revised Edition — Foreign Recruiting Act (Chapter 112)

Date of operation	: 30 March 1987
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9. 2014 Revised Edition — Foreign Recruiting Act (Chapter 112)

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