

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Poisons Act 1952.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Poisons (Amendment) Act 2025.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. The Poisons Act 1952 [*Act 366*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in subsection 2(1)—

(a) in the definition of “authorized officer”—

(i) by substituting for paragraph (b) the following paragraph:

“(b) a police officer as defined under the Police Act 1967 [*Act 344*];”;

- (ii) in paragraph (c), by inserting the word “or” at the end of the paragraph; and
- (iii) by inserting after paragraph (c) the following paragraph:
 - “(d) a person appointed by the Minister under section 31A;”; and
- (b) by substituting for the definition of “premises” the following definition:
 - ‘ “premises” includes—
 - (a) any land, building or part of any building;
 - (b) any place whether open or enclosed;
 - (c) any conveyance;
 - (d) any installation on land, offshore installation or other installation whether on the bed of or floating on any water; and
 - (e) any structure whether movable or immovable;’.

Renumbering of section 31A

3. The principal Act is amended by renumbering the existing section 31A as section 31AA.

New section 31A

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting before section 31AA as renumbered the following section:

“Appointment of authorized officer

31A. The Minister may appoint in writing any person to be an authorized officer subject to such terms and conditions as the Minister may impose.”.

Amendment of section 31B

5. Section 31B of the principal Act is amended by deleting subsection (1).

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Poisons Act 1952 (“Act 366”).

2. *Clause 1* contains the short title and the provision on the commencement of the proposed Act.

3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 2 of Act 366 in the definition of “authorized officer” to include a police officer of any rank and a person appointed by the Minister of Health under section 31A as an authorized officer. This *clause* also seeks to widen the scope of the definition of “premises” which includes any land, building or part of any building, any installation on land, offshore installation or other installation whether on the bed of or floating on any water and any structure whether movable or immovable, and the definition shall apply throughout Act 366.

4. *Clause 3* seeks to renumber the existing section 31A of Act 366 as section 31AA.

5. *Clause 4* seeks to introduce a new section 31A before the renumbered section 31AA to empower the Minister of Health to appoint any person as authorized officer under Act 366.

6. *Clause 5* seeks to delete subsection 31B(1) of Act 366 which contains the definition of “premises” consequential to the amendment of the definition of “premises” made under section 2 of Act 366.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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