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An Act to amend the National Library Act 1972.

[15th April 1987]

BE IT ENACTED by the Duli Yang Maha Mulia Seri Paduka Baginda Yang di-Pertuan Agong with the advice and consent of the Dewan Negara and Dewan Rakyat in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the National Library (Amendment) Act 1987 and shall come into force on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint. Short title and commencement.

2. Section 2 of the National Library Act 1972, which in this Act is referred to as "the principal Act", is amended by substituting it with the following section 2: Amendment of section 2. Act 80.

"Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"appointed date" means the date of coming into force of this Act;

"Board" means the Advisory Board established pursuant to section 5;

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Advisory Board appointed under section 5 (2) (a);

"collection" means the library resources collected and maintained within the Library;

"Director General" means the Director General of the National Library appointed under section 4 (1);

"Fund" means the National Library Fund established pursuant to section 7 (1);

"Library" means the National Library established pursuant to section 3;

"Library building" means any building or premises forming part of or used by the Library and any building or premises leased or let temporarily or otherwise by the Federal Government or Government of a State for the purpose of the Library and includes any vehicle or vessel used in any mobile library, forming part of the Library;

"Library resources" means any form of written, printed or graphic matter on or in which information is written, recorded, stored, displayed or reproduced, including manuscripts, typescripts, books, newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets, maps, microforms, music sheets, photographs, cinematograph films, phonorecords, video and audio recordings and other recordings on paper, film or other materials and reproductions thereof;

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for libraries."

Amendment
of Part II.

3. The principal Act is amended by substituting Part II with the following Part II:

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PART II

ESTABLISHMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF NATIONAL LIBRARY

Establish-
ment of
National
Library.

3. There is hereby established a National Library of Malaysia (hereinafter referred to as the "Library") with the following purposes and objectives:

- (a) to make available for the use of present and future generations a national collection of library resources;
- (b) to facilitate nation-wide access to library resources available within the country and abroad; and
- (c) to provide leadership on matters pertaining to libraries.

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Management
and control
of National
Library by
the Director
General and
powers of
Director
General.

4. (1) The Library shall be managed and controlled by the Director General appointed by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

(2) The Director General shall have the following functions:

- (a) to advise the Minister on national policy on all matters pertaining to libraries and all other matters relating to libraries;
- (b) to advise and assist in the national planning and development of libraries;
- (c) to acquire and maintain a comprehensive national collection of library resources reflecting the intellectual, literary and cultural heritage of the nation as well as a representative national collection reflecting the accumulated knowledge and wisdom of mankind;
- (d) to establish within the Library—
 - (i) the National Depository for the storage and conservation of library resources received;
 - (ii) the National Bibliographic Centre for the maintenance of the national bibliographic network, the national bibliographic data base and the provision of national bibliographic and documentation services;
 - (iii) the National Centre for Malay manuscripts for the acquisition, documentation and use of Malay manuscripts;
- (e) to provide reference, information, referral, reprographic and lending services;
- (f) to provide facilities within the Library to enable it to function as—
 - (i) the national focal point for the national information system;

- (ii) the national centre for the lending and exchange of library resources in order to promote the national and universal availability of publications;
- (g) to promote and co-ordinate the development and use of the library resources of the nation;
- (h) to promote and facilitate the establishment of a nation-wide system of public libraries in keeping with national standards of provision;
- (i) to promote the establishment of a network of special libraries in keeping with national standards of provision;
- (j) to promote and facilitate national and international co-operation and resource sharing among libraries;
- (k) to undertake and facilitate research on matters concerning libraries;
- (l) to provide training in order to upgrade professionalism in library matters;
- (m) to promote and facilitate the inculcation of the reading habit;
- (n) to co-operate with the relevant agencies in order to promote and upgrade the use and development of Bahasa Malaysia;
- (o) to co-operate with professional and other bodies at national and international level for the development of libraries;
- (p) to lend, sell or otherwise dispose of library resources forming part of the Library;
- (q) to do such other things as may be deemed necessary to give effect to the objectives referred to in section 3.

(3) There shall be appointed from time to time such officers as may be necessary or considered expedient for the purpose of this Act."

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4. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment
of
section 5.

(a) by substituting subsection (2) (d) with the following:

“(d) not less than four and not more than seven other members who shall be appointed by the Minister.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (5), the following subsection (5A):

“(5A) The Minister may, at any time, revoke the appointment of the Chairman or any member of the Board appointed under subsection (2) (d).”.

5. The principal Act is amended by substituting section 6 with the following section 6:

Amendment
of
section 6.

“Meetings
of the
Board.

6. (1) The Board shall hold meetings at least once a year at any time and place as the Chairman may determine.

(2) The Chairman and four members of the Board shall form a quorum.

(3) The Board may make its own rules governing the procedure of its meeting and other matters connected therewith.”.

6. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the word “surplus” appearing in the first line of the section.

Amendment
of
section 13.

7. Section 14 of the principal Act is amended—

Amendment
of
section 14.

(a) by substituting paragraph (a) with the following paragraph (a):

“(a) the general management and supervision of the Library;”;

(b) by substituting paragraph (c) with the following paragraph (c):

“(c) the exclusion or removal from the Library or the Library buildings of persons found to have committed any offence under this Act or the regulations made thereunder;”;

(c) by substituting paragraph (d) with the following paragraph (d):

“(d) the amount of fines that may be levied by the Director General for the damage, loss or late return of library resources borrowed and for the waiving or refund of such fines;”; and

(d) by substituting paragraph (e) with the following paragraph (e):

“(e) the fees to be charged by the Director General for the provision of information services or for the making and certifying of copies of any library resources and for the exemption from payment in whole or in part of such fees.”.

General
amendment.

8. The principal Act is amended by the substitution of the term “library resources” for “library material” wherever the latter occurs.