

PRISONS (AMENDMENT) ACT

Key amendments will enhance community corrections, and facilitate the Singapore Prison Service's (SPS) operations and administration.



▶ Enhance Community Corrections

To improve inmates' rehabilitation and reintegration into society.

Introduce the Employment Preparation Scheme (EmPS) for eligible inmates to serve the tail-end of their sentences studying and undergo skills training, on top of working, outside prison. Inmates on the EmPS will be supervised by SPS and will receive support for their reintegration.

▶ Facilitate SPS' Operations and Administration

To enable SPS to carry out its functions more effectively.



- 1** Provide alternative means to notify supervisees of changes to community-based programme conditions, by way of SMS or messaging apps.
- 2** Provide SPS officers with powers to obtain documents or information for inquiries into breaches by supervisees employed on community-based programmes.
- 3** Increase the deferment period of an inmate's release by up to 21 days but not beyond the Court-imposed sentence to carry out any outstanding Court-ordered punishment.
- 4** Allow the Minister for Home Affairs to make regulations related to inmates' communication to maintain prison security and ensure the safe and secure custody of inmates.
- 5** Protect SPS officers and auxiliary police officers from liability for acts and omissions done in good faith and with reasonable care under the Prisons Act, in line with what is provided for SPF officers in the Police Force Act and SCDF officers in the Civil Defence Act.

