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An Act to amend the Private Agencies Act 1971.

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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 Private Agencies (Amendment) Act 2026.

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

Amendment of section 3

2. The Private Agencies Act 1971 [*Act 27*], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 3—

(a) in subsection (2), by deleting the words “; and in issuing such licence or renewing the same under subsection (4) the Minister may impose thereon such conditions as he may deem desirable for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act”;

(b) by inserting after subsection (2) the following subsections:

“(2A) Subject to payment of the fees as may be prescribed by the Minister, a licence issued under this Act shall be valid until 31 December of the same calendar year or 31 December of the following calendar year in which the licence is issued as may be determined by the Minister upon issuance of such licence under subsection (2) and such licence may be renewed upon payment of the prescribed fees.

(2B) In issuing such licence or renewing the same under subsection (2A), the Minister may impose thereon such conditions as he may deem necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this Act.”;

(c) by inserting after subsection (3) the following subsection:

“(3A) Any person who has been issued a licence under subsection (1) may apply for supplementary licence for the branch office of his private agency to carry out the same type of private agency business for which he was licenced.”; and

(d) by deleting subsection (4).

Deletion of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is deleted.

Amendment of section 9

4. Section 9 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in subsection (1), by substituting for the words “Commissioner of Police or the Chief Police Officer” the words “Inspector General of Police”;

(b) by substituting for subsection (2) the following subsection:

“(2) A licensed private agency who desires to employ a person shall apply for a letter of approval to the Inspector General of Police and the application shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as may be prescribed by the Minister.”;

(c) in subsection (3), by substituting for the words “Commissioner of Police or the Chief Police Officer” the words “Inspector General of Police”;

(d) in subsection (4), by substituting for the words “Commissioner of Police or the Chief Police Officer” the words “Inspector General of Police”; and

(e) in subsection (5), by substituting for the words “Commissioner of Police or the Chief Police Officer” the words “Inspector General of Police”.

Amendment of section 13

5. Section 13 of the principal Act is amended in paragraph (b) by substituting for the words “Commissioner of Police or the Chief Police Officer” the words “Inspector General of Police”.

New section 18A

6. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 18 the following section:

“Power to issue directives, guidelines, etc.

18A. The Minister may issue any directives, guidelines, circulars or notices as may be expedient or necessary for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.”.