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An Act to amend the Local Government Act 1976.

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WHEREAS it is expedient for the purpose of ensuring uniformity of law and policy to amend the Local Government Act 1976:

Now, THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of Clause (4) of Article 76 of the Constitution, 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 Local Government Short title.
(Amendment) Act 1991.
2. Section 107 of the Local Government Act 1976 is Amendment of section 107. Act 171
amended—
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after subsection (1), the following new subsection (1A):

"(1A) Any licence or permit granted under this Act may be issued jointly with any other licence or permit.";
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after subsection (2), the following new subsection (2A):

"(2A) The revocation of any particular licence or permit issued jointly with any other licence or permit under subsection (1A) shall not affect the validity of any other licence or permit with which it had been jointly issued.";

(c) by substituting for the words "twelve months" in subsection (4) the words "three years"; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after subsection (6), the following new subsections (7) and (8):

"(7) For the purpose of subsection (5) or (6) any reference to the word "licence" shall include its certified true copy.

(8) The certification of any licence as a true copy shall be made by the President, Secretary or any officer authorised by the President in writing."

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Local Government Act 1976.

2. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 107 of the same Act by inserting new subsections (1A), (2A), (7) and (8).

Subsection (1A) seeks to allow any licence or permit granted under the Act to be issued jointly with any other licence or permit. This will be very helpful to traders and investors who may have applied for more than one licence or permit in order to set up their businesses. It will promote the growth of any trade, occupation, investment and development in the country.

Subsection (2A) provides that the revocation of any particular licence or permit issued jointly with any other licence or permit under subsection (1A) shall not affect the validity of any other licence or permit with which it had been jointly issued.

The existing subsection (4) has been amended to increase the validity of a licence from a period not exceeding twelve months to a period not exceeding three years.

Subsection (7) has been introduced to provide for a certified true copy of the licence to be used for the purpose of subsection (5) or (6) of the Act.

Subsection (8) seeks to provide for the certification of any licence as a true copy by the President, Secretary or any officer authorised by the President in writing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

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