

Home Team Connects

Connecting You with the Home Team

An initiative by the Home Team Volunteer Network



EDITOR'S PICK

MHA

Good Progress Made in Key Areas of National Interest

The Singapore Public Sector Outcomes Review 2024 underscores the strides Singapore has made in key areas of national interest.

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Key Points

- Singapore has made **good progress** under four themes:
 - Opportunities for All, at Every Stage of Life
 - Quality and Sustainable Living
 - Our Shared Future and Place in the World
 - Strong and Resilient Economy
- **MHA** has fared well in ensuring Singapore's **safety and security**.
- The **Public Service** remains committed to working with Singaporeans to build our shared future together.

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MHA IN PARLIAMENT



First Reading

Protection from Scams Bill

MOS Sun Xueling introduced the Bill for First Reading in Parliament on 11 November.

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Objective of the Bill

The proposed Bill seeks to protect individuals from losing money to scammers by:

- Empowering the Police to **issue Restriction Orders (RO) to banks** to restrict the banking transactions of the individual.

RO will come in place if there is reasonable belief that the individual will make money transfers to the scammer.



Issuance of a Restriction Order

A Police officer may issue an RO to a bank if he has reasonable belief* that:



The individual will **execute a money transfer to a scammer**; and



The RO is necessary for the protection of the individual. The RO will be **issued as a last resort**, after other options to convince the individual have been exhausted and have failed.

First Reading

Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

MOS Faishal introduced the Bill for First Reading in Parliament on 11 November.

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Road Traffic (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill

5 Things You Need to Know

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The proposed amendments to the Bill aim to:

1. Recalibrate balance between deterrence and proportionality
2. Enhance enforcement powers for authorities to quickly take action against errant motorists

2 >>>

The Bill will give the Courts greater discretion to impose an appropriate sentence, depending on the circumstances of the irresponsible driving offence.

For example, the Courts can take into account the level of responsibility of the accused in circumstances where other parties had also exhibited risk-taking behaviour.

There is no change to the maximum penalties for irresponsible driving offences. Serious offenders, like those who drink and drive, will continue to face heavier penalties.

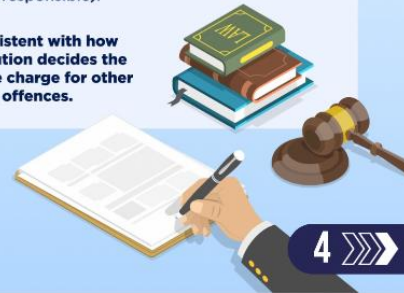


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The Bill will provide the Prosecution the flexibility to prefer the appropriate charge, depending on the circumstances of the offence.

This enables the Prosecution to take into account the nature of injury caused, as well as any mitigating circumstances (e.g. whether other road users involved were partly responsible).

This is consistent with how the Prosecution decides the appropriate charge for other Penal Code offences.



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The Bill will adjust how a motorist's track record of speeding will count towards his classification as a "repeat offender" for a current irresponsible driving offence.

A motorist will be charged as a "repeat offender" if:

he has at least two prior speeding convictions where he sped in excess of 40km/h above the speed limit, in the preceding 5 years.

This will ensure that the enhanced penalties apply for errant motorists who speed habitually and deliberately.

For any given case, the Courts can consider an individual's speeding antecedent(s), when determining an appropriate sentence.



5 >>>

The Bill will also strengthen:

✓ The disqualification (DQ) periods regime

by streamlining the commencement date of DQ periods for both the Road Traffic Act and the Motor Vehicles (Third-Party Risks and Compensation) Act.

✓ Traffic Police's immediate suspension powers

to ensure that the motorist's licence remains suspended, until a final decision is made on the sentencing, or until the DQ order has commenced.

✓ ICA officers' power

to administer breath tests at checkpoints to detect and take action against errant drink drivers driving into our checkpoints.

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HOME TEAM UPDATES

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Passport-less Clearance Implemented at Changi Airport

The full implementation across all four airport terminals since 30 September brings faster and more convenient immigration clearance.

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HTX AND ANIMALS

From miniature insect-hybrid robots to four-legged robotic dogs, HTX has developed "animals" to partner HT officers in search-and-rescue missions and frontline patrols.



NATIONAL DAY AWARDS INVESTURE 2024
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

GUEST OF HONOUR
MR K SHANMUGAM
MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS & MINISTER FOR LAW

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These awards recognise the excellent work that many of you have done, serving the HT, in spite of the challenges... congratulations, and thank you.

MIN K SHANMUGAM
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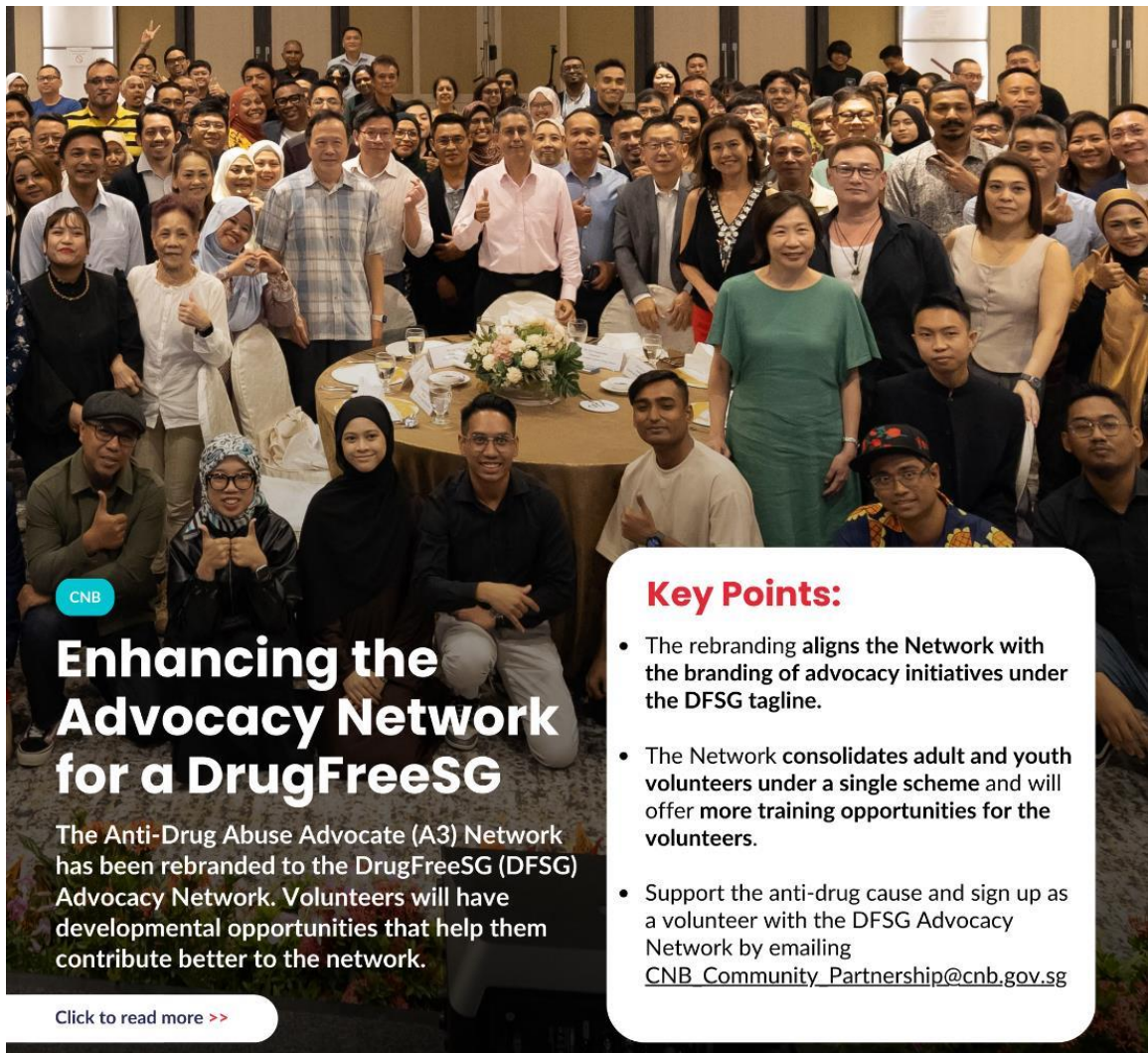


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Recognising HT Officers' Contributions and Commitment

Congratulations to the 981 MHA National Day Awards awardees recognised with Commendation, Efficiency or Long Service Medals!

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CNB

Enhancing the Advocacy Network for a DrugFreeSG

The Anti-Drug Abuse Advocate (A3) Network has been rebranded to the DrugFreeSG (DFSG) Advocacy Network. Volunteers will have developmental opportunities that help them contribute better to the network.

Key Points:

- The rebranding aligns the Network with the branding of advocacy initiatives under the DFSG tagline.
- The Network consolidates adult and youth volunteers under a single scheme and will offer more training opportunities for the volunteers.
- Support the anti-drug cause and sign up as a volunteer with the DFSG Advocacy Network by emailing CNB_Community_Partnership@cnb.gov.sg

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