

**Fire Services (Amendment) Bill 2016**  
**Debate and voting arrangements**

**Object of the Bill :** To amend the Fire Services Ordinance (Cap. 95) to empower the Chief Executive in Council to make regulations for a scheme for fire safety risk assessment, and certification on compliance with fire safety requirements, by registered fire engineers for certain premises and for regulating registered fire engineers; and to make related amendments.

<b>First debate</b>	<b>: Clauses with no amendment – Clauses 1 to 6 and 8 to 20</b>
<b>Voting</b>	: To vote on the above clauses standing part of the Bill together
<b>Second debate</b>	<b>: Clause with amendment proposed by the Secretary for Security – Clause 7</b>
Joint debate on the original clause and the above amendment.	
<p><b>Clause 7(3)</b></p> <p>- Clause 7(3) adds the proposed regulation 7(3) and (4) to the Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) Regulations (Cap. 95B). Regulation 7(3) seeks to enable a registered fire engineer (fire service installation) (“RFE(FSI)”) to inspect and test any fire service installation or equipment installed in prescribed premises. Regulation 7(4) seeks to enable the Director of Fire Services (“DFS”) (or a person authorized by DFS) to inspect and test any fire service installation or equipment installed in any premises for checking its safety and the efficiency of its working order.</p> <p>The amendment seeks to delete the phrase “for checking its safety and the efficiency of its working order” in the proposed regulation 7(4) for alignment with the wording of the proposed regulation 7(3), so as to avoid queries on whether there is any difference in the scope and purpose of the aforesaid work performed by DFS and RFE(FSI).</p>	
<b>Voting</b>	: To vote on the above amendment, and then the original clause or the clause as amended standing part of the Bill
<b>Third debate</b>	<b>: New clause proposed by the Secretary for Security – New clause 8A</b>
Debate on the above new clause.	
<p><b>New clause 8A</b></p> <p>- To amend the term “fire service equipment” in the existing regulation 10(1) of Cap. 95B to “fire service installation or equipment” to align it with the standardized references to the same object in Cap. 95B.</p>	
<b>Voting</b>	: To vote on the above new clause standing part of the Bill

**Secretary for Security’s amendments**

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