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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 36 of 1977**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of the Trinidad and  
Tobago National Council on Alcoholism.

*[Assented to 20th September, 1977]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as **Enactment**  
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Trinidad and Tobago **Short title**  
National Council on Alcoholism (Incorporation) Act,  
1977.

**Incorporation**

2. The Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism shall be and is hereby created a body corporate.

**Aims and  
Objects**

3. The aims and objects of the Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism (hereinafter referred to as "the Council") are:—

- (a) to stimulate public understanding of alcoholism as a disease that can be successfully treated;
- (b) to organize a campaign of education on alcoholism through all known media and sustain wide-spread public awareness about the problems of alcoholism;
- (c) to establish one or more Alcoholism Information and Referral Centres;
- (d) to co-operate with all related organizations, e.g. Alcoholism Anonymous, Trinidad and Tobago Association for Mental Health, Trinidad and Tobago Medical Association and other related organizations;
- (e) to encourage the establishment of improved facilities for the treatment of alcoholism and to work toward the development of more resources for aiding the alcoholic;
- (f) to encourage research into the problems of alcoholism;
- (g) to raise funds for the purpose of carrying out the aims and objects of the Council;
- (h) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental to the attainment of the objects of the Council.

## 4. The Council shall have power :—

Powers of  
Council

- (a) to acquire by purchase, transfer, donation, exchange, devise, bequest, grant, gift, conveyance or howsoever otherwise any real or personal property or any estate or interest therein or any rights or privileges essential to the attainment of its objects or to the proper discharge of its functions;
- (b) to take over any real or personal property of whatsoever nature now vested in any person or persons for and on behalf of the Trinidad and Tobago National Council on Alcoholism and the same are hereby vested in the Council;
- (c) to accept surrenders or re-conveyances and to enter into contracts;
- (d) subject to any restraint, reservation or condition contained in the document under which it acquired title thereto, to sell, demise, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of and deal with all property which may, for the time being, be vested in it;
- (e) to sell, improve, manage, develop, lease, mortgage, dispose of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property of the council;
- (f) to borrow any moneys required for the purposes of the Council upon such terms and upon such securities as may be determined;
- (g) to do all such other acts and things as are incidental, auxiliary or conducive to the furtherance and attainment of the aims and objects of the said Council.

**Exercise of  
power to  
resolution**

5. The exercise of the power conferred by section 4 is subject to the resolution of the Council.

**Mode of  
execution of  
documents**

6. All documents requiring the Seal of the Council shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of its President and Secretary for the time being in office who shall both sign every such document, and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Council.

**Service of  
documents on  
the Council**

7. (1) The Council shall at all times have a fixed address for the service of documents on the body corporate and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Every document to be served on the body corporate may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the body corporate.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Council liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

**Rules of  
Council**

8. The Council may make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers, and functions with power to vary or revoke such rules.

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Saving of State  
or other rights

Passed in the Senate this 28th day of June, 1977.

E. WILLIAMS  
*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 15th day of July, 1977.

R. GRIFFITH  
*Acting Clerk of the House*