
**Fifth Session Third Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago**



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 24 of 1991

[L.S.]

**AN ACT for the incorporation of the General Service
Board of Alcoholics Anonymous of Trinidad and
Tobago and for matters incidental thereto.**

[Assented to 27th September, 1991]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Preamble
Tobago an organisation known as the General Service
Board of Alcoholics Anonymous of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous of Trinidad and Tobago be incorporated:

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

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1991.

Incorporation 2. The General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous of Trinidad and Tobago (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objects 3. The aims and objects of the Board are as follows:

- (a) to promote, study and practice the principles of the Alcoholics Anonymous Service Manual and the Twelve Concepts for World Service;
 - (b) to act as the custodian of the Twelve Steps and the Twelve Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous;
 - (c) to encourage the study and practice of the true principles of the three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service;
 - (d) to provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest concerning the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous;
 - (e) to organise and produce conventions, conferences, sharing sessions and other activities towards stimulating responsibility and solidarity;
 - (f) to equip individuals with the knowledge and freedom that will motivate and enable them to contribute with others to the building of a just and participatory service structure;
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- (g) to undertake the publication of books, magazines, periodicals, newsletters and audio-visual material;
- (h) to establish, equip, maintain and operate a General Service Office;
- (i) to do all such other things as are necessary, incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above-mentioned aims and objects.

4. The Board may—

Power of
the Board

- (a) receive voluntary contributions and donations from individuals, groups, inter-groups and districts from within the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous;
- (b) purchase, print and distribute General Service Conference approved literature;
- (c) select and finance the two World Service delegates to the bi-annual World Service Conference Meeting.

5. All documents requiring the seal of the Board shall be sealed with the common seal of the Board in the presence of the Chairman and Secretary for the time being in office or in the event of incapacity, in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Board who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful seal of the Board.

Mode of
execution of
documents

6. The Board shall not purchase or in any other way acquire property and the meetings and the general work of the Board shall be done in rented or borrowed facilities.

Board not
to acquire
property

7. The affairs of the Board shall be managed by a Board of Trustees whose election, powers and procedures shall be as prescribed in the Alcoholics Anonymous Service Manual.

Board of
trustees

Service of documents

8. (1) The Board shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on it 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 Board may be served by leaving same at or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Board.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Board 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 therefor.

Power to make rules and regulations

9. The Board may from time to time make rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions with power to amend such rules and regulations.

Saving of State and other rights

10. 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 person, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of July, 1991.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 31st day of July, 1991.

J. SAMPSON
Acting Clerk of the Senate