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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 53 of 2000**

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the incorporation of the Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing-Impaired and for matters incidental thereto.

*[Assented to 29th September, 2000]*

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and Tobago, an Organisation known as the Trinidad and Tobago Association in Aid of the Deaf by the Trinidad and Tobago Association in Aid of the Deaf (Incorporation of Trustees) Act, 1962: Preamble

And whereas the Association now wishes to be incorporated under the name Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing-Impaired:

And whereas it is expedient that the said Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing-Impaired be incorporated for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

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

Short title            **1.** This Act may be cited as the Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing-Impaired (Incorporation) Act, 2000.

Interpretation        **2.** In this Act—  
                              “the former organisation” means the Trinidad and Tobago Association in Aid of the Deaf.

Incorporation of Association        **3.** There is hereby established a body corporate known as the Trinidad and Tobago Association for the Hearing-Impaired (hereinafter referred to as “the Association”).

Purpose of the Association        **4.** The purpose of the Association is to improve the quality of life of the hearing-impaired in Trinidad and Tobago, and for this purpose the Association may:

- (a) establish schools and other institutions for the education and training of the hearing-impaired;
- (b) facilitate and encourage the employment of the hearing-impaired;
- (c) operate services for the diagnosis of, and programmes for research into, hearing-impairment;
- (d) monitor the incidence and investigate the causes of hearing-impairment in Trinidad and Tobago;

- (e) provide counselling and psychological support for the families of the hearing-impaired;
- (f) organize courses of instruction for hearing persons to facilitate their communication with the hearing-impaired; and
- (g) do such other things that may be necessary and expedient for the attainment of the purpose set out herein.

5. The Association shall have the power—

Powers of the  
Association

- (a) to purchase or otherwise acquire any land, interest in land or other property real and personal;
- (b) to accept subscriptions and donations (whether of real or personal estate) and devises or bequests for all or any of the purposes aforesaid;
- (c) to sell and dispose of, lease and accept surrenders of leases, and manage all real estate (including leaseholds) so received and not required to be or capable of being occupied for the purposes of the Association;
- (d) generally to manage, invest and expend all moneys belonging to the Association;
- (e) to obtain, collect and receive money and funds by way of contributions, donations, legacies, grants and any other lawful method;
- (f) accept and receive gifts of property of any description (whether subject to any special trusts or not); and
- (g) to support, contribute to or work in association with any other body which may have, or be working towards the achievement of, similar purposes.

Management

**6.** (1) The Association shall be managed by an Executive Board (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) which has general conduct and direction of the affairs and finances of the Association.

(2) The membership of the Board shall be comprised of the President, Vice-President, Honorary Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Secretary and twelve other members of the Association.

(3) In addition to the persons mentioned in paragraph (2), each Branch of the Association is entitled to have one representative on the Board.

Vesting property

**7.** (1) Upon the commencement of this Act all real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested or deemed to be vested immediately before the commencement of this Act, in the former organisation, shall vest in the Association.

(2) All legal proceedings pending or claims subsisting against the former organisation immediately before the commencement of this Act shall be continued on and after the commencement of this Act, by the Association.

(3) A reference in any enactment, deed, contract, land, security or other document to the former organisation shall upon the commencement of this Act, be construed as a reference to the Association.

Mode of execution of documents

**8.** All documents requiring the seal of the Association shall be sealed with its common seal in the presence of the President of the Association and the Secretary and one other member of the executive board all of whom shall 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 Association.

**9.** (1) The Association shall at all times have a Service of documents fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for service of documents on the Association and that address and any changes thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the day of incorporation or the change of address as the case may be.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) of the former organisation immediately before the commencement of this Act shall, upon the commencement of this Act, be the registered address of the Association.

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

(4) Failure to register the address and any change thereof shall constitute an offence and the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of \$10.00 for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

**10.** The Association may make rules for the proper Power to make rules conduct of its proceedings and for the discharge of its powers and functions and may amend, vary or revoke such rules.

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

**12.** The Trinidad and Tobago Association in Aid of the Act No. 18 of 1962 repealed Deaf (Incorporation of Trustees) Act, 1962 is repealed.

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of May, 2000.

D. DOLLY

*Acting Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 25th day  
of August, 2000.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

*Clerk of the House*