



**PARLIAMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRI LANKA**

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**PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF  
SRI LANKA (INCORPORATION)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to incorporate the Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka**

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*Presented by Hon. (Dr.) Ramesh Pathirana, M. P. for Galle District  
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*Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka*  
(Incorporation)

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF  
SRI LANKA

WHEREAS a Society called and known as the Preamble.  
“Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka” has been established  
in Sri Lanka for the common progress of involving in  
Pharmacology and all its branches and for the purpose of  
5 effectually carrying out and transacting all objects and  
matters connected with the Society according to the rules  
agreed by its members:

AND WHEREAS the said Society has heretofore successfully  
carried out and transacted the several objects and matters for  
10 which it was established and has applied to be incorporated  
and it will be for the public advantage to grant the  
application:

BE it therefore enacted by Parliament of the Democratic  
Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

15 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Society Short title.  
of Sri Lanka (Incorporation) Act, No. of 2015.

**2.** From and after the date at commencement of this Act  
such and so many persons as now are members of the  
Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to  
20 as “Society”) or shall hereafter be admitted members of the  
Corporation hereby constituted shall be and become  
a body corporate (herein after referred to as “the Corporation”)  
with perpetual succession under the style and the name of  
the “Pharmaceutical Society of Sri Lanka” and by that  
25 name may sue and be sued in all courts with full power and  
authority to have and to use a common seal and to alter the  
same at its pleasure.

Incorporation  
of the  
Pharmaceutical  
Society of Sri  
Lanka.

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3. The general objects for which the corporation is constituted are hereby declared to be:

General  
objects of the  
Corporation.

- (a) to promote and advance the science of Pharmacy and its applications in Sri Lanka;
- 5      (b) to advise the Government and give council to public corporations, local bodies and other institutions on all matters connected with the application of pharmacy to progress and development of the Country;
- 10     (c) to promote the acquisition, dissemination and interchange of pharmaceutical knowledge by
  - (i) providing a forum for the presentation of original communications and discussions thereon;
  - 15        (ii) establishing and maintaining libraries;
  - (iii) publishing matters of interest to the professions of pharmacy; and
  - (iv) any other means;
- (d) to promote education in pharmacy at all levels;
- 20     (e) to promote, encourage and foster original research in pharmacy;
- (f) to assess the eligibility of candidates for admission to the various grades of membership;
- 25     (g) to conduct or provide for the conduct of the qualifying examinations for all grades of membership of the Society and to promote, provide or approve courses of study for such examinations;

- 5 (h) to conduct or provide for conduct of examinations for the award of diplomas, certificates and other distinctions in such branches of pharmacy as the Society may from time to time deem necessary and to prescribe, approve or provide courses of study for such examinations;
- (i) to ensure the maintenance of high standards in the professional activities and the general conduct of its members;
- 10 (j) to establish liaison with other scientific and professional organization;
- (k) to establish and enhance the status of the profession of Pharmacy in Sri Lanka;
- 15 (l) to take any other measure that may be necessary for the attainment of all or any of the objects of the Society.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act and any other written law, the Corporation shall have the power to do, perform and execute all such acts, matters and things whatsoever, as are necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the objects of the Corporation or any one of them, including the power or open, operate or close bank accounts to borrow or raise moneys with or without security to receive to collect grants and donations, to invest its funds, to engage, employ and dismiss personnel required for carrying out of the objects of the Corporation.

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General powers of the Corporation.

5. (1) The affairs of the Corporation shall subject to the rules and by-laws in force for the time being of the Corporation administered by a Council consists of persons elected in accordance with such rules and by-laws.

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Management of the affairs of the Corporation.

(2) The first Council of the Corporation shall be the Council of the Society holding office on the day preceding the date of commencement of this Act.

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6. (1) It shall be lawful for the Corporation from time to time at any Annual General Meeting or at a special General Meeting of the Society and by the requisite majority of the members voting, to make rules and by-laws not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act or any other written law for the management of the affairs of the society and accomplishment if its objectives including all or any of the following matters:—

Rules and  
by-laws of  
the  
Corporation.

- 10            (a) the classification of membership and admission, withdrawal, expulsion of members;
- (b) the election of the office bearers who shall serve in an honorary capacity, Auditor and Members of the Council;
- 15            (c) the appointment of committees, the powers, conduct, duties and functions of various officers, agents and servants of the Corporation;
- (d) the procedure to be observed in the meetings, the summoning and holding of the Council, the time, places, notices and agenda of such meeting, the quorum thereof and the conduct of business at thereat;
- 20            (e) the administration and the management of the property of the Corporation, the custody of its funds and the maintenance and audit of its accounts; and
- 25            (f) generally the management of the affairs of the Corporation and the accomplishment of its objects.

30            (2) Any rule and by-law made by the Corporation may be amended, altered, added to or rescinded at a like meeting and in like manner as a rule or by-law made under subsection (1).

(3) The members of the Corporation shall be subject to the rules and by-laws of the Corporation.

7. All debts and liabilities of the Society existing on the day immediately preceding the date of commencement of this Act, shall be paid and discharged by the Corporation and all debts due to, subscription and contributions payable to the Society shall be paid to the Corporation for the purpose of this Act.

Debts due by or payable to the Society.

8. (1) The Corporation shall be capable in law to take and hold any property movable or immovable which may become vested in it by virtue of any purchase, grant, gift, testamentary disposition or otherwise and all such property shall be held by the Corporation for the purpose of this Act, and subject to the rules of the Corporation with full power to sell, mortgage, lease, exchange or dispose of the same.

Corporation may hold movable or immovable property.

(2) The Corporation shall have the power to borrow or raise money necessary for the furtherance of its objects and to create, execute, grant or issue any mortgages, bonds or obligations to secure the payment of such money.

(3) All property of the Society, movable and immovable shall vest in the Corporation from the date of commencement of this Act.

9. The Society shall be able and capable in law to charge :—

Powers to charge fees and subscriptions.

(a) such fees as the Society may deem reasonable, for admission to any seminar, course or examination conducted by the Society;

(b) fees for admission of persons to any class of membership of the Society; and

(c) such subscriptions and fees, as the Society may deem reasonable in respect of the services by the Society.

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10. The Society shall have the power to appoint an Admissions and Ethical Practices Committee and to take such other steps as may be found necessary from time to time for the maintenance of professional standards and discipline among persons practicing or acting as pharmacists in Sri Lanka. Committee.

11. The seal of the Corporation may not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except in the presence of two members who shall sign the documents or the Council shall from time to time by authorized standing orders and such signing shall be independent of the signing of any person as a witness. How the seal of the Corporation is to be affixed.

12. Nothing in this Act contained shall prejudice or affect the rights of the Republic or any body politic or corporate or of any other persons except such as are mentioned in this Act and those claiming by from or under the them. Saving of the rights of the Republic and others.

13. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency.

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