

ST JOHN AMBULANCE (MAURITIUS) ACT

Act 35 of 1980 – 29 November 1980

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Short title | 7. Uniform and badges |
| 2. Interpretation | 8. Donations and legacies |
| 3. The Corporation | 9. Exemptions |
| 4. Objects of Corporation | 10. Dissolution |
| 5. The Council | 11. Rules |
| 6. Membership and register of members | |

ST JOHN AMBULANCE (MAURITIUS) ACT

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the St John Ambulance (Mauritius) Act.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“Brigade” means the uniformed branch of the St John Ambulance (Mauritius);

“Corporation” means the St John Ambulance (Mauritius) established under section 3;

“Council” means the National St John Council for Mauritius referred to in section 5;

“Minister” means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of health is assigned.

3. The Corporation

There is established for the purposes of this Act the St John Ambulance (Mauritius) which shall be a body corporate.

4. Objects of Corporation

The objects of the Corporation shall be—

- (a) to encourage and promote all work of humanity and charity for the relief of persons in sickness, distress, suffering or danger without distinction as to race, creed, religion or colour; and
- (b) to render aid to the sick and wounded and to promote the institution of such permanent organisations as may be necessary to ensure that aid may be available in times of emergency.

5. The Council

The Corporation shall be administered by the National St John Council for Mauritius, which shall have such functions as may be prescribed.

6. Membership and register of members

(1) The membership of the Corporation shall be—

- (a) open to all citizens without distinction as to race, creed, religion or colour; and
- (b) determined in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) The Council shall keep a register in which shall be entered the names of every member of the Corporation.

7. Uniform and badges

(1) Every member of the Brigade may wear a uniform approved by the Council.

(2) No person, other than a member of the Brigade, shall wear the uniform of the Brigade.

(3) No person, other than a member of the Corporation, shall publicly wear, carry or bear, in such a manner as to convey the impression that the person is a member, any badge, token or emblem specially adopted for use by a member under the rules of the Corporation.

(4) No person shall, without lawful authority or excuse, have in his possession—

- (a) any device which so closely resembles any badge, token or emblem specially adopted for use by a member under the rules of the Corporation as to lead to the belief that the device in question is that badge, token or emblem;
- (b) any badge, token or emblem containing any words or characters ordinarily used to describe any member as to be calculated to deceive or mislead; or
- (c) any badge, token or emblem bearing the words "St John Ambulance".

(5) Any person who contravenes subsection (2), (3) or (4) shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 100 rupees.

8. Donations and legacies

Article 910 of the Code Civil Mauricien shall not apply to the Corporation.

9. Exemptions

(1) Notwithstanding any other enactment, but subject to subsection (2)—

- (a) the Corporation shall be exempt from payment of any duty, rate, charge, fee or tax;

(b) no stamp duty or registration fee shall be payable in respect of any document under which the Corporation is the sole beneficiary.

(2) No exemption under subsection (1) shall operate except with the approval of the Minister to whom responsibility for the subject of finance is assigned.

10. Dissolution

(1) The Corporation may, on the proposal of the Council, be dissolved in such manner as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the Corporation is dissolved, all assets remaining after winding up shall be transferred to, or used for, a charitable institution in Mauritius designated by the Council.

11. Rules

(1) The Council may make such rules as it thinks fit for the purposes of this Act.

(2) Notwithstanding the Interpretation and General Clauses Act, rules made under subsection (1) shall not be laid before the Assembly.
