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SRI LANKA (AMENDMENT)  
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**L.D.—O. 88/79**

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE STATE FILM CORPORATION ACT,  
No. 47 OF 1971**  
**BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—**

**1. This Act may be cited as the National Film Corpora-  
tion of Sri Lanka (Amendment) Act, No. 45 of 1980.**

**Short title.**

**2. (1) In the State Film Corporation Act, No. 47 of 1971,  
hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”, and  
in any other written law, there shall be substituted—**

**“State Film  
Corporation  
Act” and  
“State Film  
Corporation”  
to be known  
respectively  
as “National  
Film  
Corporation  
of Sri Lanka  
Act” and  
“National  
Film Corpora-  
tion of  
Sri Lanka”.**

**(a) for the words “State Film Corporation Act”, the  
words “National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka  
Act”; and**

**(b) for the words “State Film Corporation”, the words  
“National Film Corporation of Sri Lanka”.**

**(2) Every reference to the State Film Corporation Act  
and the State Film Corporation in any notice, notification,  
instrument or other document shall be read and construed  
as a reference respectively to the National Film Corpora-  
tion of Sri Lanka Act and the National Film Corporation  
of Sri Lanka.**

**3. Section 4 of the principal enactment is hereby  
amended by the insertion, immediately after paragraph  
(d) of that section, of the following new paragraph:—**

**Amendment  
of section 4  
of the  
principal  
enactment**

**“(dd) to ensure the provision by cinemas and studios  
of adequate services and facilities necessary for the  
convenience and safety of patrons of, and workers  
in, cinemas and studios;”.**

**4. Section 5 of the principal enactment is hereby  
amended by the insertion, immediately after paragraph  
(b) of that section, of the following new paragraph:—**

**Amendment  
of section 5  
of the  
principal  
enactment**

**“(bb) to control, supervise and inspect cinemas and  
studios or institutions engaged in the film industry;  
(bbb) to control the establishment and installation of  
cinemas;”.**

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Amendment  
of section 19  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

5. Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:—

“(1) The Minister shall appoint a Chairman of the Board of Directors from among the Directors. The Chairman shall be the chief executive officer of the Corporation.”

Replacement  
of section 21  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

6. Section 21 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:—

“Appointment 21. The Corporation may appoint to the of officers and servants. staff of the Corporation such officers and servants as may be necessary for the purposes of the Corporation.”

Amendment  
of section 61  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

7. Section 61 of the principal enactment is hereby amended in subsection (2) of that section, by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (a) of that subsection, of the following new paragraphs:—

“(aa) the provision by cinemas and studios of adequate facilities necessary for the convenience and safety of patrons of, and workers in, cinemas and studios ;  
(aac) the control of the establishment and installation of cinemas ;”.

Insertion of  
new sections  
63A and 63B  
in the  
principal  
enactment.

8. The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 63, and shall have effect as sections 63A and 63B respectively, of the principal enactment:—

“Protection for action taken under this Act or on the direction of the Board of Directors.

63A. (1) No suit or prosecution shall lie—  
(a) against the Corporation for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by the Corporation under this Act ; or  
(b) against any member, officer, servant or agent of the Corporation for any act which in good faith is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or on the direction of the Board of Directors.

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(2) Any expense incurred by the Corporation in any suit or prosecution brought by or against the Corporation before any court shall be paid out of the funds of the Corporation, and any costs paid to, or recovered by, the Corporation in any such suit or prosecution shall be credited to the funds of the Corporation.

(3) Any expense incurred by any such person as is referred to in paragraph (b) of subsection (1) in any suit or prosecution brought against him before any court in respect of any act which is done or purported to be done by him under this Act or on the direction of the Board of Directors shall, if the court holds that such act was done in good faith, be paid out of the funds of the Corporation, unless such expense is recovered by him in such suit or prosecution.

**No writ to issue against person or property of a member of the Corporation**

63B. No writ against person or property shall be issued against a member of the Corporation in any action brought against the Corporation.”.