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**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 Corporation 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 Corporation 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 Corporation 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 of officers and servants. 21. The Corporation may appoint to the 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 ;

(aaa) 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.”.