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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE URBAN COUNCILS ORDINANCE,
NO. 61 OF 1939, THE TOWN COUNCILS ORDINANCE,
NO. 3 OF 1946 AND THE VILLAGE COMMUNITIES
ORDINANCE, AND TO VALIDATE CERTAIN PAST
EXPENDITURE AND CONTRIBUTIONS INCURRED AND
VOTED BY URBAN COUNCILS, TOWN COUNCILS AND
VILLAGE COMMITTEES WITH THE SANCTION OF THE
MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CULTURAL
AFFAIRS.**

Cap. 198.

[Date of Assent: May 9, 1958]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Ceylon in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Enlargement of Powers (Urban Councils, Town Councils and Village Committees) Act, No. 14 of 1958. Short title.

2. Section 172 of the Urban Councils Ordinance, No. 61 of 1939, is hereby amended, in sub-section (1) of that section, by the substitution, for paragraphs (f) and (g) of that sub-section, of the following new paragraphs:—

Amendment of
section 172 of
Ordinance
No. 61 of 1939.

"(f) such expenses not exceeding in the aggregate two thousand rupees in any year as may be incurred by the Council, and such other expenses as may be incurred by the Council with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, in connection with civic receptions or the celebration or observance of any events or occasions of public interest, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health, recreational or educational purposes;

(g) such contributions not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand rupees in any year as may be voted by the Council, and such other contributions as may be voted by the Council with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, towards the cost of public entertainments or recreations, or towards

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the support of any libraries, or any educational, scientific, charitable or benevolent institutions, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health or educational purposes, and ".

Amendment of
section 172 of
Ordinance
No. 3 of 1946.

3. Section 172 of the Town Councils Ordinance, No. 3 of 1946, is hereby amended, in sub-section (1) of that section, by the substitution, for paragraphs (e) and (f) of that sub-section, of the following new paragraphs:—

"(e) such expenses not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand rupees in any year as may be incurred by the Council, and such other expenses as may be incurred by the Council with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, in connection with civic receptions or the celebration or observance of any events or occasions of public interest, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health, recreational or educational purposes;

(f) such contributions not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand rupees in any year as may be voted by the Council, and such other contributions as may be voted by the Council with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, towards the cost of public entertainments or recreations, or towards the support of any libraries, or any educational, scientific, charitable or benevolent institutions, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health or educational purposes; and ".

Amendment of
section 43 of
Chapter 198.

4. Section 43 of the Village Communities Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after paragraph (kk) of that section, of the following new paragraphs:—

"(kl) to apply any part of the communal fund to the payment of such expenses not exceeding in the aggregate one thousand rupees in any year as may be incurred by the Committee, and such other expenses as may be incurred by the Committee with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, in connection with civic receptions or the

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celebration or observance of any events or occasions of public interest, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health, recreational or educational purposes;

(km) to make from the communal fund such contributions not exceeding in the aggregate five hundred rupees in any year as may be voted by the Committee, and such other contributions as may be voted by the Committee with the prior sanction in writing of the Minister, towards the cost of public entertainments or recreations, or towards the support of any libraries, or any educational, scientific, charitable or benevolent institutions, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health or educational purposes; ”.

5. Where, prior to the date of the commencement of this Act and with the sanction of the Minister of Local Government and Cultural Affairs, any Urban Council, Town Council or Village Committee has—

Validation of certain past expenditure and contributions.

- (a) incurred any expenditure in connection with any civic reception, or the celebration or observance of any event or occasion of public interest, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health, recreational or educational purpose, or
- (b) voted any contribution towards the cost of any public entertainment or recreation, or towards the support of any library, or any educational, scientific, charitable or benevolent institution, or any religious, charitable, cultural, health or educational purpose,

such sanction and the expenditure or contributions so incurred or voted shall be deemed to have been and to be as valid and effectual as if the Urban Councils Ordinance, No. 61 of 1939, the Town Councils Ordinance, No. 3 of 1946, or the Village Communities Ordinance under which such Council or Committee has been constituted had enabled such sanction to be given and such expenditure or contributions to be so incurred or voted.

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