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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE YOUNG MEN'S BUDDHIST  
ASSOCIATION, COLOMBO, ORDINANCE.**

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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 Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, (Amendment) Act, No. 20 of 1957. Short title.

2. Section 3 of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as 'the principal enactment') is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor:— Replacement of  
section 3 of  
Chapter 223.

" Objects  
of the  
corporation.

3. The objects of the corporation shall be—

- (a) to provide facilities for, and to foster, the study and the propagation of the Buddha Dhamma,
- (b) to encourage the practical observance of the Buddha Dhamma,
- (c) to promote unity and co-operation among the Buddhists,
- (d) to advance the moral, cultural, physical and social welfare of the members, and
- (e) to promote the interests of Buddhism."

3. Sections 4, 5, 7 and 10 of the principal enactment are hereby amended by the substitution, for the words "Committee of Management" of the words "Board of Management". Amendment of  
sections 4, 5, 7  
and 10 of the  
principal  
enactment.

4. Section 12 of the principal enactment is hereby renumbered as section 13. Renumbering of  
section 12 of  
the principal  
enactment as  
section 13.

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Insertion of  
new section 12  
in the  
principal  
enactment.

5. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 11, and shall have effect as section 12, of the principal enactment:—

"Board of  
Governors  
to control  
disposal of  
property  
of the  
corporation."

12. (1) There shall be a Board of Governors consisting of seven persons.

(2) The first members of the Board of Governors shall be elected at a general meeting of the corporation, and, where any vacancy occurs among the members of that Board thereafter, the remaining members of that Board shall fill such vacancy by electing a fit and proper person as a member of that Board.

(3) No person shall be elected as a member of the Board of Governors if he—

- (a) is not a member of the corporation,
- (b) is not a Buddhist,
- (c) is less than forty years of age,
- (d) is a person who, having been declared an insolvent under any law in force in Ceylon, is an undischarged insolvent,

(e) is of unsound mind, or

(f) is a person who has been convicted by any court of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(4) A member of the Board of Governors shall be deemed to vacate office, if he—

(a) is of unsound mind,

(b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of such Board without the prior permission of such Board,

(c) is a person who, having been declared an insolvent under any law in force in Ceylon, is an undischarged insolvent, or

(d) is convicted by any court of an offence involving moral turpitude.

(5) A member of the Board of Governors may resign office by letter addressed to such Board.

(6) No act of the Board of Management of the corporation shall be valid or effective for the purpose of transferring any rights in the property or funds of the corporation or for creating any liability or claim against the corporation unless such act has been previously authorized by a resolution passed by a majority of the members of the Board of Governors present at a meeting of that Board:

Provided that no such authorization shall be necessary in the case of any of the following:—

- (a) lease of any immovable property for a period not exceeding one year;
- (b) disposal of any movable property of a value not exceeding fifty thousand rupees;
- (c) any expenditure of not more than fifty thousand rupees during any financial year.”

6. The Schedule to the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of  
the Schedule  
to the principal  
enactment.

- (a) in the rules set out in that Schedule, by the substitution, for the words “ Committee of Management ”, wherever those words occur in those rules, of the words “ Board of Management ”;
- (b) in rule 4 (c) of those rules, by the substitution, for the word “ Committees ”, of the words “ the Board of Management and Committees ”;
- (c) in rule 4 (g), by the substitution, for the words “ meeting of the Committee ”, of the words “ meeting of the Board ”;

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(d) in rule 4 (j), by the addition, at the end thereof, of the following:—

“The provisions of this paragraph shall be subject to the provisions of section 12 (6) of the Young Men's Buddhist Association, Colombo, Ordinance.”