
Third Session Fifth Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 8 of 1998

[L.S.]

AN ACT for the Incorporation of The Massage Therapy
Association of Trinidad and Tobago and for
matters incidental thereto.

[Assented to May 21, 1998]

WHEREAS there has been established in Trinidad and ^{Preamble}
Tobago, an Organisation known as The Massage
Therapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago:

And whereas it is expedient that The Massage Therapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago be incorporated for the purposes hereinafter set forth:

Enactment

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:—

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as The Massage Therapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago (Incorporation) Act, 1998.

Incorporation

2. The Massage Therapy Association of Trinidad and Tobago (in this Act referred to as "The Association") is hereby created a body corporate.

Aims and objects

3. The aims and objects of the Association are:

- (a) to proclaim the benefits of massage therapy which are *inter alia*—
 - (i) to relieve pain;
 - (ii) to reduce stress;
 - (iii) to synergise mind and body;
 - (iv) to promote peak performance; and
 - (v) to rehabilitate from devastating illnesses;
- (b) to register and regulate all qualified professional Massage Therapists for the general betterment of the profession;
- (c) to establish a code of ethics for the practice of Massage Therapy and to establish disciplinary procedures for professional misconduct in relation to such code;
- (d) to establish a professional body capable of supervising the local training of Massage Therapists to acceptable international standards;
- (e) to establish acceptable rates and fees applicable to Massage Therapists for professional services;

- (f) to establish and enhance the practice of Massage Therapy as a recognised part of supplemental and integrative medicine;
- (g) to provide facilities for further education and retraining of Massage Therapists for the advancement of the profession and to be up to date with modern technology.

4. The Association may—

Powers of the
Association

- (a) lease, rent or acquire in the name of the Association, land, buildings or premises and to build upon, pull down, rebuild, add to, alter, repair, improve, sell or dispose of, or otherwise deal with any land, buildings, or premises for the users of the Association;
- (b) enter into contracts on behalf of the Association, and commence, defend or compromise any proceedings in the name of the Association before any Court or other authority of competent jurisdiction;
- (c) borrow money with or without security on any of the property of the Association and grant or direct to be granted mortgage, debentures or other charges over the property of the Association for securing the same;
- (d) employ (and dismiss) such servants, employees, consultants, contractors, professionals and other persons as may be found necessary for the due conduct of the affairs of the Association with annual salaries or other forms of remuneration;
- (e) carry out such disciplinary measures amongst the members of the Association as it may deem necessary for the maintenance and carrying out of the objects of the Association;

- (f) carry out any act or deed in the name of the Association and for such purpose to order the Seal of the Association to be affixed to any petition, memorial, deed, instrument or other document requiring same;
- (g) delegate all or any of the powers of the Association to any sub-committee established for such purpose;
- (h) make, and from time to time to repeal or alter, regulations as to the management of the Association and the affairs thereof, and as to the duties of any officers or servants of the Association and as to the conduct of business by the Executive Committee or any sub-committee and as to any of the matters or things within the power or under the control of the Executive Committee;
- (i) take any gift or money or other property whether from local, or overseas donors and whether subject to any special trust or not for any one or more of the purposes of the Association;
- (j) purchase or otherwise acquire from the relevant authorities and/or corporations the right to broadcast and to advertise its objectives in any periodical newspaper; and
- (k) generally to do all things necessary or expedient for the due conduct of the affairs of the Association not herein provided for.

Transfer and vesting
of property

5. All real or personal property of whatever nature now held by or vested in any person for the use and benefit of The Massage Therapy Association is hereby transferred to and vested in the Association.

6. All documents requiring the Seal of the Association shall be sealed with the Common Seal of the Association in the presence of the President and Secretary for the time being in office or in the event of incapacity in the presence of some other person or persons authorised for that purpose by the Association who shall both sign every such document and such signing shall be *prima facie* evidence that the said Seal was duly affixed and that the same is the lawful Seal of the Association. Mode of execution of documents

7. (1) The Association shall at all times have a fixed address in Trinidad and Tobago for the service of documents on the Association and that address and any change thereof shall be registered with the Registrar General within twenty-eight days of the date of incorporation or the change of address, as the case may be. Service of documents

(2) Every document to be served on the Association may be served by leaving the same at, or by sending the same by registered post to the registered address of the Association.

(3) Failure to register the address and any change thereof is a summary offence and renders the Association liable to a fine of one hundred and twenty dollars and to a further fine of ten dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction thereof.

8. The Association may from time to time make rules for the proper conduct of its proceedings and discharge of its duties, powers and functions and such rules may be amended from time to time. Powers to make rules

9. Nothing in this Act shall affect or be deemed to affect the rights of the State, or of any bodies politic or corporate or of any persons, except such as are mentioned or referred to in this Act and those claiming by, through, from or under them. Saving of State and other rights

Passed in the Senate this 3rd day of March, 1998.

N. COX
Clerk of the Senate

Passed in the House of Representatives this 1st day
of May, 1998.

J. SAMPSON
Clerk of the House