

THE CHESHIRE FOUNDATION HOMES FOR THE SICK (AMENDMENT) BILL
(No. VII of 2007)

Explanatory Memorandum

The main object of this Bill is to amend the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick Act –

- (a) to provide for the Foundation to be known as the Leonard Cheshire Mauritius; and
- (b) to make better provision for its objects and functions and in relation to exemption from taxation.

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ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

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A BILL

To amend the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick Act

ENACTED by the Parliament of Mauritius, as follows -

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick (Amendment) Act 2007.

2. Interpretation

In this Act –

“principal Act” means the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick Act.

3. Long title to principal Act amended

The long title to the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “**Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick**” and replacing them by the words “**Leonard Cheshire Mauritius**”.

4. Principal Act amended

The principal Act is amended -

- (a) in section 1, by deleting the words “Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick” and replacing them by the words “Leonard Cheshire Mauritius”;
- (b) by inserting immediately after section 1, the following new section -

1A. Interpretation

In this Act –

“Foundation” means the Leonard Cheshire Mauritius.

- (c) in section 2, by deleting the words “Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick” and replacing them by the word “Foundation”;
- (d) by repealing section 3 and replacing it by the following section -

3. Object and functions of the Foundation

(1) The objects of the Foundation shall be to promote the well-being and rehabilitation, whether in their own domestic environment or elsewhere, of persons of any age, sex, colour or creed who -

- (a) are in need of special attention because they are mentally, or physically, disabled;
- (b) are ill, aged or in destitute or needy circumstances.

(2) The functions of the Foundation shall, in relation to its beneficiaries, be to -

- (a) ensure that they obtain such facilities as may enable them to engage in productive activities, or such training as may render them fit for gainful employment;
- (b) provide them, in accordance with their needs, with residential accommodation, including private homes, flats, apartments or rooms;
- (c) set up and manage homes and hostels for their benefit;
- (d) promote, conduct and engage in such research and experimental work as may be relevant to the Foundation;
- (e) organise, sponsor and participate in national or international conferences and meetings on subjects useful to the object of the Foundation;
- (f) establish, or assist in establishing, any association or institution, in Mauritius or overseas, with similar pursuits;

- (g) do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of its object.
- (e) in section 16, by adding immediately after the word “enactment”, the words “, rates leviable under the Local Government Act and the tax payable under section 29 of the Road Traffic Act in respect of a licence for a road vehicle”.

5. Consequential amendments

Any reference in any enactment to the Cheshire Foundation Homes for the Sick shall be deemed to be a reference to the Leonard Cheshire Mauritius.