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AN ACT TO AMEND THE MAHAPOLA HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP
TRUST FUND ACT, No. 66 OF 1981

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -

- 1.** This Act may be cited as the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund (Amendment) Act, No. 1 of 2022. Short title
- 2.** The long title of the Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act, No. 66 of 1981 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “MAHAPOLA HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND”, of the words, “LALITH ATHULATHMUDALI MAHAPOLA HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND”. Amendment of the long title to Act, No.66 of 1981
- 3.** (1) In the principal enactment and in any other written law, there shall be substituted – General amendment to the principal enactment and other written law

 - (a) for the words “Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act”, of the words, “Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act”; and
 - (b) for the words “Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund”, of the words, “Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund”,

wherever such words appear in the principal enactment and other written law.

(2) Every reference to the “Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act” and “Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund” in any notice, notification, contract, communication, agreement, form or

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other document shall be read and construed as a reference to the “Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund Act” and “Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund”.

Amendment of
section 3 of the
principal
enactment

4. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

(1) by the repeal of subsection (2) thereof and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:-

“(2) The Board of Trustees of the Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) shall consist of the following members:-

(a) the founder or his nominee;

(b) a retired Judge of the Supreme Court or a retired Auditor General appointed by the President for a period of three years who shall be the Chairman of the Board;

(c) the persons for the time being holding office as—

(i) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Higher Education is assigned;

(ii) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Education is assigned;

(iii) the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister to whom the subject of Trade is assigned; and

(d) two persons appointed by the founder (hereinafter referred to as the “appointed members”) for a period of five years.”; and

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(2) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof.

5. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words, “All officers and servants of the Fund” of the words, “All officers, servants and Trustees of the Fund”.

Amendment of section 15 of the principal enactment

6. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 15 of the principal enactment and shall have effect as section 15A of that enactment: -

Insertion of new section 15A in the principal enactment

“Provisions of Offences Against Public Property Act, No. 12 of 1982 to apply

15A. All movable and immovable property of the Fund shall be deemed to be public property within the meaning of, and for the purposes of, the Offences Against Public Property Act, No. 12 of 1982.”.

7. For the avoidance of doubt, it is hereby declared that the “Lalith Athulathmudali Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund”, shall, for all purposes be deemed to be the successor to the “Mahapola Higher Education Scholarship Trust Fund”.

Avoidance of doubt

8. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text to prevail in case of inconsistency

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