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**An Act for the incorporation of the Society known
as the Guyana Chest Society.**

[10TH DECEMBER, 1913]

Short title.
[22 of 1969]

1. This Act may be cited as the Chest Society (Incorporation) Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act the expression “the Society” means the Society incorporated by this Act.

Incorporation
of Society.
[22 of 1969]

3. The persons who are now members of the Society, and the persons hereafter admitted members thereof according to the rules of the Society for the time being in force

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under the provisions of this Act, shall be and shall continue hereafter to be a body corporate by the name and style of The Guyana Chest Society.

Vesting of property.

4. All the property in Guyana, movable and immovable, of whatever nature or kind now held by or vested in the name of the Guyana Chest Society shall be held by and the same is hereby vested in the Society.

Vesting of property bequeathed to the Society or to any member thereof.

5. All property movable or immovable of what nature or kind soever, heretofore or hereafter bequeathed by will or otherwise given to the Society or to any of the members of the Society while they are members thereof, to and for the use or benefit of the Society shall be held by, and is hereby vested in, and shall be deemed the property of, the Society.

Tenure of property of the Society.

6. All property vested in or hereafter acquired by the Society shall be held by it for the use and benefit of the Society now established in the City of Georgetown or wherever else the Society may at any time hereafter be established in Guyana.

Legal proceedings by and against the Society.

7. In any legal proceedings by the Society the power *ad litem* may be signed by its president and secretary for the time being, and in any legal proceedings against the Society service of process on the secretary shall be deemed sufficient service.

Certain instruments to be signed by president and secretary.

8. All transports, mortgages, leases, transfers, and assignments, and all contracts or other documents relating to the movable or immovable property of the Society or in which the Society is or becomes interested, shall be signed by the president and secretary for the time being of the Society.

Certain documents to be evidence without formal proof

9. Every copy or extract purporting to be a copy or extract from the minutes, proceedings, register of members, or rules of the Society, signed or purporting to be signed by

its president for the time being, shall, without proof of the signature or official character or capacity of the president, be held and taken to be *prima facie* evidence of the matters and things therein contained respectively and shall be judicially noticed by all courts, judges, magistrates, and other persons in Guyana.

Administration
of the Society.

10. The business of the Society shall be managed by a board of management, hereinafter called "the board" consisting of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, and a committee of not more than twelve members. The board holding office at the time of the commencement of this Act shall be the first board.

Rules of the
Society.

11. (1) The board or their successors in office, with the approval of the majority of the members of the Society, first had and obtained at a meeting of the members of the Society summoned by the secretary by notice in writing posted to each member at his registered address not less than seven days before the meeting, may make rules with reference to the management of the affairs of the Society and the rights and liabilities of the members thereof, and with reference to the proper regulation and conduct of persons visiting or remaining in or on premises belonging to the Society wheresoever situate, and those rules, when approved of by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*, shall have the force of law and be binding on all persons.

(2) The Society may at any time alter or revoke any rule, and may make, alter, or revoke, any new rules from time to time deemed expedient except that—

- (a) no rule shall be altered or revoked, and no new rule shall be made, altered or revoked, except on the request of the board submitted to a general meeting

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of the Society, seven days notice of which, stating the proposed new rule or alteration or revocation, has been given by circular signed by the secretary for the time being of the Society and posted to each member at his registered address; or except at a general meeting convened in pursuance of a requisition in writing addressed to the board by not less than ten members; and

- (b) no new rule, nor any alteration or revocation of a rule, shall come into force or take effect until it has been approved by the Minister and published in the *Gazette*.
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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

R. 11th Sept.
1933.
6th Jan., 1936.

GUYANA CHEST SOCIETY RULES

*made by the Society under section 11 and approved by the
Governor in Council on the 11th September, 1933, amended
on the 6th January, 1936*

Citation.

1. These Rules may be cited as the Guyana Chest Society Rules.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Aims and
objects.

2. The aims and objects of the society shall be –
 - (a) the dissemination of information regarding the prevention of tuberculosis;
 - (b) the establishment and maintenance of dispensaries for the examination and treatment of tuberculous patients;
 - (c) the visiting of patients in their homes by health visitors;
 - (d) the establishment of institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis;
 - (e) the encouragement of housing reform and general sanitary measures which

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will conduce to the reduction of tuberculosis;

- (f) the establishment of branches throughout Guyana;

MEMBERSHIP

Membership.

3. The executive Committee may decide as to patronage and honorary membership of the Society.

Contribution and vote.

4. Every person who shall contribute annually to the funds of the Society a sum of not less than two dollars shall be a member thereof, and shall be entitled to vote for the election of the executive Committee.

OFFICERS

Officers.

5. There shall be elected as honorary officers of the Society a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, the election being made at an Annual General Meeting by the vote of the members of the Society present. The officers shall be elected annually, and may be eligible for re-election.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Committee.

6. There shall be an Executive Committee, which shall be the Board of Management of the Society, consisting of the officers of the Society and any one officer of any branch thereof and not more than twelve other members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, by the vote of the members of the Society present.

Filling vacancy.

7. The Executive Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy occurring during the year.

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meetings. **8.** The Executive Committee shall meet monthly and at such other times as the President may direct to deal with the conduct and business of the society.

President to
preside. **9.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President a Vice-President shall preside, and in the absence of the Vice-Presidents, the Executive Committee may choose one of their number present to preside.

President's
discretion. **10.** In between the meetings of the Executive Committee the President, and in his absence the senior Vice-President in his discretion may act for and on behalf of the Executive Committee in all matters affecting the conduct and business of the society.

QUORUM

Quorum. **11.** At any meeting of the Executive Committee four members shall form a quorum.

HONORARY SECRETARY

Honorary
Secretary. **12.** The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible to the President and the Executive Committee for the convening and the recording of the minutes of all meetings of the Society, the supervision of the health visitors and other paid members of the staff, and generally the secretarial work in connection with the business of the Society.

HONORARY TREASURER

Honorary
Treasurer. **13.** The Honorary Treasurer shall receive and be responsible for all moneys payable to the Society and shall

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lodge all such sums in the Royal Bank of Canada and in the name of the Society. He shall keep a book in which shall be entered the receipts and payments of the Society.

Payments.

14. The Honorary Treasurer shall as far as practicable make all payments by cheque which shall be signed by him and countersigned by the President, and in the absence of the President by the Honorary Secretary.

STAFF

Physicians.

15. The Honorary Visiting Physicians of the Society for dispensary work shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from time to time as may be necessary.

Health visitors,
dispensers etc.

16. The Executive Committee may appoint such and so many health visitors, dispensers, out-patient nurses and other officers and servants of the Society as may from time to time appear to them necessary and as the funds of the Society permit, and may make regulations as to their conduct and duties, and may decide their terms of service and emoluments.

Rules and
regulations.

17. The Executive Committee may make rules and regulations generally for the proper management and working of the institutions of the Society and for the conduct of all persons and patients in any way connected therewith.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Annual general
meeting.

18. An Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held at such convenient time in the year as may be determined by the Executive Committee, and the Honorary Secretary shall submit the report of the Executive Committee on the work of the Society for the preceding year, together with the accounts and balance sheets duly audited.

BRANCHES

Branches. **19.** The Executive Committee may establish branches of the Society in any part of Guyana, as it deems necessary, for the more effective carrying out of the work of the Society.

Supervision and control. **20.** All existing branches of the Society, and all branches hereafter established shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Executive Committee.

Election in branches. **21.** There may be elected to branches in like manner, and with like provisions as in the case of the Executive Committee, a President, Vice-Presidents, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer and members who shall constitute a Branch Committee; and the Executive may by resolution delegate to such Branch Committee any or all of its powers and activities as in these rules provided, and may alter or rescind such resolution.

Reports etc. **22.** Branch Committees shall forward to the Executive Committee reports, financial statements, and other information at such times and in such manner as may be required by the Executive Committee.

