

THE MADRAS HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE  
ENDOWMENTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2017

(As passed by the Assembly)

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*further to amend the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951.*

*Preamble.*—WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951 (Madras Act XIX of 1951) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Sixty-eighth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title and commencement.*—(1) This Act may be called the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Act, 2017.

(2) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 3rd day of February, 2017.

2. *Amendment of section 13.*—In section 13 of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments Act, 1951 (Madras Act XIX of 1951) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), for sub-section (1), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

“(1) Every Area Committee shall consist of seven members of Hindu Religion appointed by the Government, namely:—

(a) one member from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribe Communities ;

(b) one woman member ;

(c) one philosopher of Hindu Religion or performer of temple art or a person who has authored works on Hindu literature; and

(d) four other members”.

3. *Special provision relating to the existing members of the Area Committee and non-hereditary trustees.*—Notwithstanding anything contained in the principal Act, the existing Chairman and Members of the Area Committee and the non-hereditary trustees shall cease to hold office as such Chairman and Members of the Area Committee or the non-hereditary trustees, as the case may be, on and from the date of commencement of the Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Act, 2017.

4. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Madras Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Amendment) Ordinance, 2017 (3 of 2017) is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or deemed to have been done or any action taken or deemed to have been taken under the principal Act as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the principal Act as amended by this Act.

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