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(Amendment) Act, No. 43 of 1980*

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**AN ACT TO AMEND THE GREATER COLOMBO ECONOMIC  
COMMISSION LAW, No. 4 OF 1978.**

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Greater Colombo  
Economic Commission (Amendment) Act, No. 43 of 1980.

Short title.

2. Section 5 of the Greater Colombo Economic Commis-  
sion Law, No. 4 of 1978, (hereinafter referred to as the  
“principal enactment”) is hereby repealed and the  
following new section substituted therefor :—

Replacement  
of section 5  
of Law No. 4  
of 1978.

“Jurisdiction  
of Commis-  
sion.

5. The Commission shall have jurisdiction  
in and over—

- (1) the Area of Authority ;
- (2) any licensed zone ; and
- (3) any licensed enterprise.”.

3. Section 20 of the principal enactment is hereby  
repealed and the following new section substituted  
therefor :—

Replacement  
of section 20  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

“Special  
powers in  
Area of  
Authority  
and licensed  
zones.

20. (1) The written laws for the time  
being specified in Schedule C hereto shall  
have effect in the Area of Authority and in  
every licensed zone subject to the modifica-  
tion that it shall be lawful for the Commis-  
sion—

(a) to make or issue for the whole or any  
specified part of the Area of Autho-  
rity or any licensed zone, any by-  
law, regulation, order or notification  
under any such written law ; and

(b) to exercise and discharge in the Area  
of Authority, any licensed zone or  
any part thereof, all or any of the  
powers or functions vested in or  
assigned to by any such written law  
in any officer or person,

in like manner as though the references in  
any such written law to the authority, officer  
or person empowered to make or issue such

by-laws, regulations, orders or notifications or to exercise or discharge such powers or functions were a reference to the Commission.

(2) The Commission may by rule designate any officer or person to exercise or discharge on behalf of the Commission any power or function referred to in this section."

Insertion  
of new  
section 22A  
in the  
principal  
enactment.

4. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 22, and shall have effect as section 22A, of the principal enactment:—

"Establishment of licensed zones.

22A. (1) Where the President is of the opinion that in any area, not included in the Area of Authority, it would be necessary to provide facilities or improvements for the establishment of undertakings by licensed enterprises and for such purpose to enable the Commission to exercise certain powers under this Law, he may, by Order published in the *Gazette*, declare such area to be a licensed zone, and specify the boundaries of such zone.

(2) Where a licensed zone is declared under subsection (1), no person, body or authority other than the Commission shall exercise, perform and discharge any powers, duties and functions relating to the approval of building plans or the planning, development or improvement under any written law, within such zone."

Amendment  
of section 35  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

5. Section 35 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

(a) by the substitution, in the definition of "licensed enterprise", for the words "outside the Area of Authority; and", of the words "outside the Area of Authority;"; and

(b) by the insertion, immediately after the definition of "licensed enterprise", of the following new definition:—

"licensed zone" means a zone declared under section 22A; and'

6. (1) Schedule B to the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows :—

Amendment  
of Schedule B  
to the  
principal  
enactment.

(a) by the insertion, immediately after the item "The Inland Revenue Act, No. 4 of 1963", of the following new item :—

"The Inland Revenue Act, No. 28 of 1979"; and

(b) by the insertion, immediately after the item "The Finance Act, No. 65 of 1961", of the following new item :—

"Part XII of the Finance Act, No. 11 of 1963".

(2) (a) The amendment made in Schedule B to the principal enactment by paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to have come into force on the date of commencement of the Inland Revenue Act, No. 28 of 1979.

(b) The amendment made in Schedule B to the principal enactment by paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of this section shall be deemed to have come into force on the date of coming into operation of the principal enactment.