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GUYANA

BILL No. 1 of 1979

MEDICAL SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1979

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Colonial Medical Service Ordinance for the purpose of reconstituting the Medical Board and to provide for the registration of persons practising osteopathy and the regulation of the practice of osteopathy in Guyana.

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title and construction. **Cap. 134 of the 1953 edition.** 1. (1) This Act, which amends the Colonial Medical Service Ordinance, may be cited as the Medical Service (Amendment) Act, 1975.

(2) As from the commencement of this Act, the Principal Ordinance may be cited as the Medical Service Ordinance and section 1 of the Principal Ordinance and all other laws wherein the Principal Ordinance is mentioned shall have effect accordingly.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 16 of the Principal Ordinance. 2. Section 16 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Establishment of medical board.” 16. (1) A medical board is hereby established which shall consist of —

- (a) the Chief Medical Officer;
- (b) a duly registered medical practitioner in the public service appointed by the Minister; and
- (c) three duly registered medical practitioners appointed by the Minister after he has consulted such bodies as appear to him to represent medical practitioners in Guyana.

(2) A member of the Board appointed by the Minister pursuant to paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection (1) is hereinafter referred to as an appointed member of the Board.”.

Repeal of section 18 of the Principal Ordinance. 3. Section 18 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 19 of the Principal Ordinance. 4. Section 19 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor —

“Term of office of members” 19. (1) An appointed member shall hold office for two years but shall be eligible for re-appointment.

(2) An appointed member may resign his office as a member of the Board.

- (3) An appointed member who fails to attend at three consecutive meetings of the Board without the permission of the Board shall vacate his office as a member of the Board.”.

5. Section 20 of the Principal Ordinance is hereby amended ^{Amendment of section 20 of the Principal Ordinance.} by the substitution of the word “three” for the word “four in subsection (2).

6. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by the insertion ^{Insertion of sections 54A to 54G in the Principal Ordinance.} immediately after section 54 of the following Part and sections —

“PART VA — OSTEOPATHS

54A For the purposes of this Part of this Ordinance, the practice of osteopathy means the treatment of diseases performed by the manipulation of bones, nerves, blood vessels and other tissues of the human body.

54B No person shall practise or hold himself out, whether directly or by implication, as practising or entitled to practise osteopathy, unless he is registered as an osteopath under this Ordinance and any person who contravenes this section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars.

54C. No person shall be entitled to recover any fees or other charges in any court for the practice of osteopathy unless he is duly registered under this Part to practise osteopathy.

54D. (1) A person who applies to the Board to be registered as an osteopath and who satisfies the Board that —

- (a) he is qualified to be so registered; and
- (b) he is a fit and proper person to practise osteopathy in Guyana,

is entitled upon compliance with the requirements of this Part and on payment of the prescribed fee, to be registered as an osteopath.

(2) A person is qualified to be registered as an osteopath under subsection (1) if he holds a diploma, degree, fellowship, membership licence,

certificate or other status or form of recognition granted by a University, College or other body empowered to confer authority to practice osteopathy by the law of the country or place where it is granted and which, in the opinion of the Board, is evidence of satisfactory osteopathic training.

(3) An applicant for registration shall furnish to the Secretary —

- (a) evidence of his qualification;
- (b) proof of his identity; and
- (c) such further or other information as the Board requires in respect of the matters specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1).

(4) A person registered under this Part who desires to practise osteopathy in Guyana shall be entitled to a certificate of registration in the form set out in Form 6 of the First Schedule.

Form 6
First
Schedule.

Register of
osteopaths,
Form 7
First
Schedule.

54E. (1) The Secretary shall keep a register in the form set out in Form 7 of the First Schedule to be known as the Register of Osteopaths in which the Secretary shall cause to be entered the name of every person entitled under section 54D to be registered as an osteopath, together with the following particulars in relation to such person —

- (a) his full name and address;
- (b) the date of his registration; and
- (c) a description and the date of the qualification in respect of which he is registered.

(2) The register shall at all reasonable times be open to inspection at the office of the Board.

(3) The Secretary shall make such alterations in the addresses and qualifications of osteopaths as are necessary and shall remove from the register the name of an osteopath who has been continually absent from Guyana for a period of at least three years, is deceased or is no longer qualified to practise osteopathy in Guyana:

Provided that a person who has been continually absent from Guyana for a period of at least three years whose name has been removed from the register of osteopaths shall be entitled to have his name restored to the register on his return to Guyana without the payment of any fee.

(4) A person whose name is not entered in the register shall be deemed not to be an osteopath for the purposes of this Part.

Use of
titles and
descriptions.

54F A person registered as an osteopath under this Part —

- (a) shall, by virtue of being so registered, be entitled to take and use the title of doctor of osteopathy;
- (b) shall not take or use, affix to or use in connection with his premises, any title or description reasonably calculated to suggest that he possesses any professional status or qualification other than a professional status or qualification which he in fact possesses and which is indicated by particulars entered in the register in respect of him.

Publication
of lists of
registered
osteopaths.

54G. The Secretary shall cause to be published in the Gazette —

- (a) as soon as practicable in February in each year an alphabetical list of persons who are registered as osteopaths under this Part as at 31st January in each year;
- (b) the name of any person who registers his name as an osteopath, after 31st January, in any year, as soon as practicable after any such registration."

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to amend the Colonial Medical Service Ordinance (Chapter 134 of the 1953 edition of the Laws) to reconstitute the Medical Board and to make provision for the registration of persons practising osteopathy and to regulate the practice of osteopathy in Guyana.

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