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BILL No. 12 of 2022

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

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MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2022

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

PART I

PRELIMINARY

- 1. Short title.
- 2. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.
- 3. Amendment of section 6(1) of the Principal Act.
- 4. Amendment of section 10(1) of the Principal Act.

A BILL Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act.

A.<u>D. 20</u>22 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.

- 1. This Act, which amends the Medical Practitioners Act, may be cited
- Cap. 32:02 as the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2022.

Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act.

2. Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by the deletion of the definitions of "Member State" and "national".

Amendment of section 6(1) of the Principal Act.

3. Section 6(1) of the Principal Act is amended by the deletion of paragraph (a).

Amendment of section 10(1) of the Principal Act.

- 4. Section 10(1) of the Principal Act is amended as follows -
 - (a) in paragraph (a), by deletion of the words "(a),";
 - (b) in paragraph (b)(i), by the deletion of the words "(a),"; and
 - (c) in paragraph (d), by the deletion of the words "(a) and".

Explanatory Memorandum

Section 6(1) of the Medical Practitioners Act sets out five requirements that a person who applies to the Medical Council to be registered as a medical practitioner shall satisfy.

The first requirement which is stated in paragraph (a) is that the person must be a citizen of Guyana, the spouse of a citizen of Guyana, a resident in Guyana or a national of a Member State. "Member State" means a member state of CARICOM and "national" means a person who is a citizen of or has a connection with a Member State of CARICOM.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to remove this requirement of registration for persons who want to be registered to practice medicine or surgery in Guyana, and with that removal there is no need for the definitions of "Member State" and "national", hence their deletion in clause 3. Consequentially, the references to paragraph (a) in the Act are deleted in clause 4.

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