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SRI LANKA**

MEDICAL (AMENDMENT)

A

BILL

to amend the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105)

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STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT

Clause 2 : This clause amends section 19 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) in order to add certain matters in respect of which regulations can be made by the Minister.

Clause 3 : This clause amends section 19c of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the appointment of a Committee to advise the Minister regarding any recommendation made by the Medical Council in respect of any recognized university or institution under subsection (1) of section 19c.

Clause 4 : This clause amends section 19E of the principal enactment for better explanation of the term “any university or institution”.

Clause 5 : This clause amends section 29 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

Medical (Amendment)

L. D.- O. 2/2024

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 105)

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

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical (Amendment) Act, No. of 2024. Short title

5 2. Section 19 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended as follows:- Amendment
of section 19
of
Chapter 105

10 (1) in paragraph (f) thereof, by the substitution for the words “universities and other institutions.” of the words “universities and other institutions;”; and

(2) immediately after paragraph (f) thereof, by the addition of the following:-

15 “(g) the criteria of recognizing and renewal of recognition of any medical qualification relating to any degree programme conducted by a recognized university or institution;

20 (h) the criteria of adopting the international ranking and categorization of any recognized university or institution in recognizing the medical qualification relating to any degree programme conducted by any recognized university or institution;

25 (i) the procedure to be followed in approving any medical qualification relating to degrees obtained from a recognized university or institution; and

- (j) the evaluation criteria and conditions in respect of any examination to practice medicine or dentistry in Sri Lanka for citizens of Sri Lanka holding any medical qualification relating to any degree obtained from any foreign university or institution.”.

3. Section 19c of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment
of section
19c of the
principal
enactment

- (1) by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) thereof, of the following:-

“(2A) Upon receipt of any comments from a recognized university or institution under subsection (2), the Minister shall refer such comments together with the recommendation made by the Medical Council under subsection (1) to a committee consisting of the following members:-

- (a) the Additional Secretary (Medical Services) of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Health;
- (b) the Director-General of Health Services of the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Health; and
- (c) three other eminent professors in the field of medicine nominated by the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Health in consultation with the University Grants Commission.

- (2) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof, and the substitution therefor of the following:-

5 “(3) Where the Minister after examining the recommendation made by the Medical Council under subsection (1) and the comments, if any, made by a recognized university or institution under subsection (2), and in consultation with the committee appointed under subsection (2A), is satisfied that –

10 (a) the course of study provided by such university or institution leading to the grant or conferment of a medical qualification;

15 (b) the degree of proficiency required at examinations held by such university or institution for grant or conferment of such qualification;

20 (c) the staff, equipment, accommodation and facilities provided by such university or institution for such course of study,

25 do not conform to the prescribed standards, he shall, declare by Order published in the *Gazette* that any provision of this Ordinance which enables the holder of such qualification to be registered under this Ordinance shall cease to have effect in relation to such university or institution or in relation to any institution affiliated to such university, from such date as specified in such Order.”.

4. Section 19E of the principal enactment is hereby amended in the definition of the expression “recognized university or institution”, by the substitution for the words “any university or institution” of the words “any university or institution, or any institution affiliated to such university whether local or foreign”.

Amendment
of section
19E of the
principal
enactment

5. Section 29 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows: -

Amendment
of section 29
of the
principal
enactment

(1) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (b) (ii) (bb), for the words “recognized by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(2) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (b) (iv) (bb) (i) for the words “recognized by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(3) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (b) (iii) (bb) (i) for the words “recognized by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”; and

(4) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (b) (iii) (bb) (ii) for the words “recognized by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”.

6. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text
to prevail in
case of
inconsistency

