

THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE 15TH NOVEMBER, 2001
LEGAL SUPPLEMENT — C

BILL No. 13 of 2001

Thursday 15th November, 2001

PARLIAMENT OFFICE
Public Buildings
Georgetown
Guyana.

15th November, 2001.

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

F. A. Narain,
Clerk of the National Assembly.



GUYANA

BILL NO. 13 OF 2001

THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 2001

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 23 of the Principal Act.
3. Insertion of new section 26 in the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of the First Schedule to the Principal Act.

A BILL
Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act 1991.

A.D. 2001

Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:-

Short title.
No. 16 of 1991

1. This Act, which amends the Medical Practitioners Act 1991, may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2001.

Amendment of
Section 23
of the
Principal
Act.

2. Section 23(2) of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after paragraph (i) of the following paragraph -

“(ii) prescribing the procedure for the conduct of election to the Council of those members referred to in paragraph 1(c) of the First Schedule:

Provided that regulations for the purpose of the election of such members shall be made by the Minister and such regulations shall be deemed to have been made by the Minister on the advice of the Council;”.

Insertion of
new section 26
of the Principal
Act.

3. The Principal Act is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after section 25 of the following section -

“Members to vacate office on constitution of new Council.

26. (1) The Chief Medical Officer shall be responsible for the conduct of the election of the members of the Council referred to in paragraph 1(c) of the First Schedule, in accordance with the regulations made under section 23(ii), within sixty days from the commencement of the said regulations.

(2) The members of a Council however constituted shall vacate office when the new Council is constituted, and the members thereof enter upon the duties of their office.

Amendment of
the First
Schedule to
the Principal
Act.

4. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

(i) by the substitution for subparagraphs (c), (d) and (e) of paragraph 1 of the following subparagraphs -

“(c) six medical practitioners, each with at least five years post registration experience, to be appointed by the Minister after having been elected, in accordance with the regulations made for this purpose, from among the medical practitioners resident in Guyana;

- (d) two persons, who are not medical practitioners, to be appointed by the Minister with the approval of the President.”;
- (ii) by the substitution for the words “Three members’ in paragraph 4(3) of the words ‘Four members’;
- (iii) by insertion of the following paragraph immediately after paragraph 7 -

8. The Minister shall in the exceptional circumstances where the life of the Council has come to an end and the succeeding Council has not assumed office have power to appoint an interim council comprising ten members including the Chief Medical Officer and name the chairman thereof to discharge the functions of the Council for the period between the time when the life of the Council comes to an end and the assumption of office of the succeeding Council:

“Interim
council.

Provided that an interim council shall not remain in office for more than six months from the date of appointment of the members thereof.’.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend section 23(2) of the Medical Practitioners Act 1991 to empower the Minister to prescribe the procedure for the conduct of the election of certain members of the council.

Clause 3 seeks to insert a new section 26 in the Act to provide for the Chief Medical Officer to be responsible for the holding of election of those members to be elected. This clause provides for the vacation of office of the members when the new council is constituted.

Clause 4 (i) and (ii) seeks to amend paragraph 1 of the First Schedule to the Act by providing for six elected medical practitioners to the council and two other persons who are not medical practitioners to be appointed by the Minister with the approval of the President and fixes the quorum for meetings at four members.

Clause 4 (iii) provides for an interim council to be appointed where the life of the council comes to an end and the succeeding council has not assumed office. This interim council shall remain in office for not more than six months.

Leslie Ramsammy,
Minister of Health.