



GUYANA

BILL No. 33 of 1974

DENTAL PRACTITIONERS (TEMPORARY REGISTRATION) BILL 1974

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A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to provide for the temporary registration of certain persons practising dentistry.

A.D. 1974 Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title 1. This Act may be cited as the Dental Practitioners (Temporary Registration) Act 1974.

Inter-pretation. 2. In this Act—

“approved institution” means the government medical service or any institution or service for the time being notified to the Board by the Minister as approved for the purposes of this Act;

“the Board” means the Medical Board established under the relevant law;

“the register” means the register of dentists kept by the secretary under the relevant law;

“relevant law” means the law in force immediately before the commencement of this Act under which persons practising dentistry in Guyana are required to be registered;

“the secretary” means the secretary of the Board.

Temporary registration of certain persons in separate part of register of dentists. 3. Anything provided by any law to the contrary notwithstanding, the Board shall upon the application of any person to whom this section applies direct that his name be entered on payment of a fee of five dollars in such separate part of the register as shall be reserved for the names of persons registered by virtue of the provisions of this section and the secretary shall register that person accordingly.

Persons to whom section 3 applies. 4. Section 3 shall apply to any person who is not eligible for registration as a dentist under or by virtue of any other law and who satisfies the Board—

- (a) that he is of good character;
- (b) that he holds a diploma granted in a place outside Guyana by virtue of which he would be entitled to practise in that place as a dentist without supervision and recognised for the time being by the Board for the purposes of this Act as furnishing a sufficient guarantee of the possession of the requisite knowledge and skill for the efficient practice of dentistry;

- (c) that he is employed, or has been selected for employment in an approved institution.

5.(1) Where on the application of any person registered by virtue of section 3 it is shown to the satisfaction of the Board that such person has while so registered practised efficiently as a dentist for a period, or on an aggregate period, of not less than twelve months in any approved institution under the direct supervision of a person registered as a dentist under the relevant law, the Board shall direct that on payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars his name be placed on the register as if he were entitled to be registered as a dentist under the relevant law and notwithstanding anything to the contrary in that law the secretary shall register that person accordingly.

Transfer of names of persons registered under section 3.

(2) Upon the registration of any person pursuant to this section the secretary shall delete his name from that part of the register in which it was entered pursuant to section 3.

6. If the Board declines to direct the secretary to register any person who applies to be registered by virtue of any of the provisions of this Act, the applicant may appeal to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

Appeal against refusal to register

7.(1) The provisions of any law relating to person registered under the relevant law, save in so far as they are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to every person registered as a dentist by virtue of any of the provisions of this Act:

Effect of registration.

Provided that nothing in this section shall be construed as entitling any person registered by virtue of the provisions of section 3 to demand or recover any charge for rendering or giving dental service, aid, advice or attendance, or performing any dental operation, or supplying or prescribing any medicines or dental appliances, otherwise than in the course of his employment in an approved institution or as authorising any such person to practise dentistry otherwise than in the course of such employment.

(2) No person registered by virtue of the provisions of section 3 shall hold office as a member of the Board.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

As a pre-requisite for a person practising dentistry in Guyana he is required by law to have his name placed on the register of dentists. However, such registration can only be effected with the approval of the

Medical Board of Guyana, for which purposes the law prescribes that only diplomas awarded by certain dental institutions can be recognised by the Board.

To enable dental services to be available to the community over as wide an area as possible in Guyana this Bill seeks to enable persons holding dental diplomas of institutions, other than those presently recognised by the Board, to have their names placed temporarily on the register and thereafter, if such persons have practised efficiently for a minimum period of twelve months under the supervision of a registered dentist, such registration can be made permanent.

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