



ACT No. 12 OF 2001
THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2001

I assent.

Bharrat Jagdeo,
President.
28th December, 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.

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AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act 1991.

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 first election of such members shall be made by the Minister within thirty days of the coming into operation of this paragraph 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 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.”;

- (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.'

- 5. Notwithstanding anything in this Act -
 - (a) a medical practitioner registered with higher or additional qualification or training under section 7;
 - (b) a person registered as a medical practitioner under section 6;
 - (c) a person registered in the Annual Register of Medical Practitioners pursuant to section 8;
 - (d) a person registered with internship, institutional or full registration or with a licence under section 10,

"Registration
deemed valid

between the period commencing on 20th December, 1999 and ending on the date when the Council is constituted and the members thereof enter upon the duties of their office shall be deemed to be duly, validly and lawfully registered in full compliance with every provision of this Act relating to such registration.

Passed by the National Assembly on 6th December, 2001

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