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**THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2021****A Bill for****AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Health Act and for connected purposes****ENACTED** by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Health (Amendment) Act, 2021.

Short title.

2. The Health Act (in this Act referred to as the “principal Act”), is amended in section 5 by inserting the following new subsection immediately after subsection 4—

Amendment of section 5 of No. 21 of 2017.

“(5) The national government and county governments shall, in consultation through the existing inter-governmental relations mechanisms, establish regional cancer centres.”

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new subsections immediately after subsection (3)—

Amendment of section 7 of No. 21 of 2017.

“(4) A person in charge of a public health facility commits an offence, if the person demands or permits the demand of payment of advance medical fees or admission fees prior to treating or admitting a patient as the case may be, and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding three million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of three months or to both.

(5) A person in charge of a public health facility commits an offence, if the person detains or permits the detention of the body of a deceased person for purposes of enforcing settlement of pending bills and, is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of three months or to both.”

4. Section 31 of the principal Act is amended by inserting the following new paragraph immediately after paragraph (d)—

Amendment of section 31 of No. 21 of 2017.

“(da) levying of charges on the practice of conventional medicine in consultation with relevant statutory bodies and stakeholders.”