

**TITLE 19 – REGULATION OF PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**  
**CHAPTER 1 - LICENSING OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**



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**AN ACT** relating to health services in the Republic.

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**PART I - PRELIMINARY**

**§101. Short Title.**

This Chapter may be cited as the “Health Services Act 1983”. [P.L. 1983-4, §1]

**§102. Interpretations In this Chapter:**

- (a) “**category of health service**” means;
  - (i) medicine;
  - (ii) surgery;
  - (iii) dentistry;
  - (iv) nursing; or
  - (v) any other related health service.
- (b) “**the Medical Board**” means the Medical Examining Licensing Board established by Section 104 of this Chapter;
- (c) “**related health service**” means any branch of practice of or associated with the healing arts that is declared by the regulations made for the purposes of Section 105(1) of this

Chapter to be a related health service for the purpose of this Chapter. [P.L. 1983-4, §2.]

## **PART II- LICENSING OF HEALTH PERSONNEL**

### **§103. Application of Part II.**

- (1) Subject to Subsection (2) of this Section, this Part applies to and in relation to practice in any category of health service, whether or not in the employment of the Government of the Marshall Islands.
- (2) This Part does not apply to or in relation to:
  - (a) practitioners in any category of health service in the employment of the Government of the Marshall Islands, acting in the course of that employment;
  - (b) practitioners in any category of health service in the employment of the Government of the United States or of any agency of that Government, or of contractors for that Government or of any such agency, acting in the course of that employment;
  - (c) the knowledgeable practice of any category of health service in an emergency and without charge;
  - (d) practice, under the supervision of a licensed practitioner, in any category of health service in an apprentice capacity:
    - (i) with the specific approval of the Medical Board; and
    - (ii) in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as are imposed by that Board; or
  - (e) in relation to the crew or passengers of the vessel, persons practicing in any category of health service on a vessel traveling to or from any part of the Republic. [P.L. 1983-4, §3]

### **§104. The Medical Board.**

- (1) A Medical Examining and Licensing Board is hereby established.
- (2) Subject to Subsection (6) of this Section, members of the Medical Board shall be appointed by the Cabinet.