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An Act to reconstitute the Medical Endowment Fund and to establish the ElderCare Fund for the purpose of endowment schemes providing financial assistance in connection with medical and healthcare in Singapore and for matters connected therewith.

[27 March 2000]

**PART 1****PRELIMINARY****Short title**

1. This Act is the Medical and Elderly Care Endowment Schemes Act 2000.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approved institution” means any hospital or other healthcare institution approved by the Minister under section 8;

“approved provider” means an organisation providing step-down care in respect of which an approval under section 23(5)(a) is in force;

“approved services” means step-down care provided by an approved provider in respect of which an approval under section 23(5)(a) is in force;

“authorised officer” means any officer authorised by the Minister in writing to exercise such power or perform such

function or duty under this Act as the Minister may specify in writing;

“Council” means the Advisory Council established under section 6;

“ElderCare Fund” means the ElderCare Fund established under section 18(1);

“eligible patient” means a person who is eligible to make an application under section 15;

“Medifund” means the Medical Endowment Fund established under the repealed Medical Endowment Scheme Act (Cap. 173A, 1994 Revised Edition) and reconstituted under this Act;

“Medifund Account” means the account, mentioned in section 10, of a Medifund committee;

“Medifund committee” means any committee appointed under section 14;

“organisation” means a society, body or group of persons, whether corporate or unincorporated;

“personal care” means assistance of a personal nature given to help a person who, by reason of any sickness, disability or injury, is unable on his or her own to attend to his or her daily needs or carry out his or her daily routine;

“recurrent costs”, in relation to the provision of any step-down care, means all costs incurred or to be incurred by the provider in relation to its ongoing operations in providing such care other than the following costs:

- (a) the cost of acquiring the land on which the premises (whether built or to be built) at which such care is or is to be provided;
- (b) such other costs that are capital in nature as the Minister may prescribe;