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An Act to provide for the control, licensing and inspection of private hospitals, medical clinics, clinical laboratories and healthcare establishments, and for purposes connected therewith.

[6/2004]

[1 January 1993]

Short title

1. This Act is the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act 1980.

Interpretation

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

“authorised officer” means —

- (a) any public officer appointed by the Director under section 3(2) to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Director under this Act or any regulations made under this Act; and
- (b) any person authorised by the Director under section 3(3) to assist in the administration of this Act;

“clinical laboratory” means any premises used or intended to be used for any type of examination of the human body or of any matter derived from the human body for the purpose of providing information for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of any disease or for the assessment of the health of any person, or for ascertaining the cause of death or the result of any medical or surgical treatment given to any person, but does not include any such premises —

- (a) which are maintained by the Government or the National University of Singapore;
- (b) which form part of the premises of a licensed private hospital; or
- (c) which are maintained by a medical practitioner or dentist as part of his or her medical clinic for the exclusive use of his or her practice;

“dentist” means a person who is duly registered under the Dental Registration Act 1999;

“Director” means the Director of Medical Services;

“healthcare establishment” means any premises or conveyance —

- (a) which is used or intended to be used for the provision of any service, or for carrying out any practice or procedure, that is related to the diagnosis, treatment or care of persons suffering from any disease, injury or disability; and
- (b) which is declared by the Minister, by order in the *Gazette*, to be a healthcare establishment for the purposes of this Act,

but does not include a private hospital, medical clinic or clinical laboratory or part thereof, or an establishment or conveyance maintained by the Government or the National University of Singapore;

“healthcare institution” means a clinical laboratory, a healthcare establishment, a medical clinic or a private hospital;

“licence” means a licence issued under this Act to use any premises or conveyance as a private hospital, medical clinic, clinical laboratory or healthcare establishment, and “licensed” is to be construed accordingly;

“maternity home” means any premises used or intended to be used for the reception of pregnant women or of women immediately after childbirth;

“medical clinic” means any premises used or intended to be used by a medical practitioner, a dentist or any other person —

- (a) for the diagnosis or treatment of persons suffering from, or believed to be suffering from, any disease, injury or disability of mind or body; or
- (b) for curing or alleviating any abnormal condition of the human body by the application of any apparatus, equipment, instrument or device requiring the use of electricity, heat or light,

but does not include any such premises —

- (c) which are maintained by the Government or the National University of Singapore; or