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The following Act was passed by Parliament on 6 October 2020 and assented to by the President on 5 November 2020:—

REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

No. 34 of 2020.

I assent.

HALIMAH YACOB,
President.
5 November 2020.



An Act to amend the Medical Registration Act (Chapter 174 of the 2014 Revised Edition) and to make a consequential amendment to the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019 (Act 40 of 2019).

Be it enacted by the President with the advice and consent of the Parliament of Singapore, as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. This Act is the Medical Registration (Amendment) Act 2020 and comes into operation on a date that the Minister appoints by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. Section 2 of the Medical Registration Act (called in this Act the principal Act) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “section 40” in the definition of “Complaints Committee” and substituting the words “section 44”;
- (b) by deleting the words “section 38” in the definition of “Complaints Panel” and substituting the words “section 39”;
- (c) by deleting the words “by the Medical Council under section 50” in the definition of “Disciplinary Tribunal” and substituting the words “by the President of the Disciplinary Commission under section 58 or the Chief Justice under section 59”;
- (d) by deleting the words “section 57” in the definition of “Health Committee” and substituting the words “section 59H”;
- (e) by deleting the words “section 59A” in the definition of “Interim Orders Committee” and substituting the words “section 59J”;
- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Interim Orders Committee”, the following definitions:
 - ““lay person” means any person who —
 - (a) has rendered distinguished public service, or has distinguished himself in any field; and
 - (b) is not a legal professional or a registered medical practitioner;

“legal professional” means any person who —

- (a) has at any time held but no longer holds, office as a Judge or Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court;
- (b) is an advocate and solicitor of at least 15 years’ standing; or
- (c) is a Legal Service Officer who has in the aggregate at least 15 years of full-time employment in the Singapore Legal Service;

“Legal Service Officer” means an officer in the Singapore Legal Service;”;

- (g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Registrar”, the following definition:

““Registrar of the Supreme Court” includes the Deputy Registrar and an Assistant Registrar;”;
and

- (h) by renumbering the section as subsection (1) of that section, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following subsections:

“(2) A reference in this Act to the High Court is, on or after the date of commencement of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019 (Act 40 of 2019), a reference to the General Division of the High Court.

(3) A reference in this Act to a Judge of the Supreme Court is, on or after the date of commencement of the Supreme Court of Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019, a reference to a Supreme Court Judge.

(4) A reference in this Act to a Judicial Commissioner of the Supreme Court is, on or after the date of commencement of the Supreme Court of

Judicature (Amendment) Act 2019, a reference to a Judicial Commissioner.”.

Amendment of section 4

3. Section 4 of the principal Act is amended —

(a) by deleting subsections (1) and (2) and substituting the following subsections:

“(1) The Medical Council consists of —

- (a) the Director of Medical Services;
- (b) a member of the Academy of Medicine Singapore appointed by the Minister, who —
 - (i) is the Master of the Academy; or
 - (ii) is a member of the council of the Academy nominated by the Master of the Academy;
- (c) a member of the College of Family Physicians Singapore appointed by the Minister, who —
 - (i) is the President of the College; or
 - (ii) is a member of the council of the College nominated by the President of the College;
- (d) a member of the Singapore Medical Association appointed by the Minister, who —
 - (i) is the President of the Association; or
 - (ii) is a member of the council of the Association nominated by the President of the Association;
- (e) a member of the faculty of each prescribed medical school in Singapore appointed by the Minister who —

- (i) is the Dean of the prescribed medical school; or
- (ii) is nominated by the Dean;
- (f) 12 registered medical practitioners resident in Singapore who are elected by the fully registered medical practitioners resident in Singapore; and
- (g) 8 registered medical practitioners resident in Singapore who are appointed by the Minister.

(2) The members of the Medical Council mentioned in subsection (1)(b) to (g) are appointed or elected for a term not exceeding 3 years and are eligible for re-appointment or re-election, as the case may be.”; and

(b) by deleting the words “(1)(b) or (d)” in subsection (4) and substituting the words “(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) or (g)”.

Amendment of section 6

4. Section 6(1) of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “section 4(1)(c)” and substituting the words “section 4(1)(f)”.

Amendment of section 8

5. Section 8 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “10 years” in paragraph (b) and substituting the words “8 years”.

Repeal and re-enactment of section 37

6. Section 37 of the principal Act is repealed and the following section substituted therefor:

“Cancellation of practising certificates

37.—(1) The Medical Council may cancel any practising certificate issued to a registered medical practitioner if the Medical Council is satisfied that —