

Dentists (Amendment) Bill

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Read the first time on 27th February 2007.

An Act to amend the Dentists Act (Chapter 76 of the 2000 Revised Edition) and to make consequential amendments to certain other written laws.

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 may be cited as the Dentists (Amendment) Act 2007 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Amendment of section 1

2. Section 1 of the Dentists Act is amended by deleting the words “Dentists Act” and substituting the words “Dental Registration Act”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the Dentists Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Board”, the following definition:

“ “appropriate register” means any of the registers referred to in section 13(1), as appropriate;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “section 16” in the definition of “certificate of registration”, the words “or 21D”;

- (c) by deleting the definitions of “Complaints Committee” and “Council” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “Chief Dental Officer” means the Chief Dental Officer of the Ministry of Health;

“Council” means the Singapore Dental Council established under section 3(1);”;

- (d) by deleting the words “section 40” in the definition of “Disciplinary Committee” and substituting the words “section 37”;

- (e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Disciplinary Committee”, the following definition:

“ “healthcare professional” includes a medical practitioner, a dentist, a nurse, a midwife, a pharmacist, a Traditional Chinese Medicine practitioner and any other person who is licensed to provide any other healthcare services in Singapore;”;

- (f) by deleting the definition of “practice of dentistry” and substituting the following definition:

“ “practice of dentistry” includes —

- (a) the performance of any procedure and the

treatment of any disease, deficiency, deformity, malposition or lesion on or of the human teeth or jaws or associated structures, whether intraorally or extraorally;

- (b) the performance of radiographic work in connection with the human teeth or jaws or associated structures;
 - (c) the administration of an anaesthetic agent in connection with any procedure on the human teeth or jaws or associated structures;
 - (d) the performance of any procedure on, or the giving of any treatment, advice or attendance to, any person as preparatory to, or for the purpose of or for or in connection with, the fitting, inserting, fixing, constructing, repairing or renewing of dentures or dental appliances; and
 - (e) the performance of any such procedure and the giving of any such treatment, advice or attendance as is usually performed or given by dentists;”;
- (g) by inserting, immediately after the words “section 17” in the definition of “practising certificate”, the words “or 21E”;
- (h) by deleting the definition of “register”;
- (i) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “registered dentist”, the following definition:
- “ “registered oral health therapist” means a person registered as an oral health therapist under section 21A;”;
- (j) by deleting the words “appointed under section 12” in the definition of “Registrar” and substituting the words “of the Council”; and
- (k) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “repealed Act” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:
- “ “Singapore degree” means a degree or diploma in dentistry