

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Bill

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Expenditure of Public Money

Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Bill

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Read the first time on 9th October 2000.

An Act to provide for the registration of traditional Chinese medicine practitioners and for purposes connected therewith.

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

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Act 2000 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

(2) The Minister may appoint different dates for the coming into operation of the different provisions of this Act.

Interpretation

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

“acupuncture” means the stimulation of a certain point or points on or near the surface of the human body through any technique of point stimulation (with or without the insertion of needles), including through the use of electrical, magnetic, light and sound energy, cupping and moxibustion, to normalise physiological functions or to treat ailments or conditions of the human body;

“Board” means the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners Board established under section 3;

“certificate of registration” means a certificate of registration issued by the Board under section 16;

“Chairman” means the Chairman of the Board;

“herbal medicine” means any material or product known or claimed to have therapeutic or other health benefits which contains either raw or processed ingredients of plant, inorganic or animal origin;

“institution of higher learning” includes any college and polytechnic;

“member” means a member of the Board;

“practice of traditional Chinese medicine” means any of the following acts or

activities:

- (a) acupuncture;
- (b) the diagnosis, treatment, prevention or alleviation of any disease or any symptom of a disease or the prescription of any herbal medicine;
- (c) the regulation of the functional states of the human body;
- (d) the preparation or supply of any herbal medicine on or in accordance with a prescription given by the person preparing or supplying the herbal medicine or by another registered person;
- (e) the preparation or supply of any of the substances specified in the Schedule;
- (f) the processing of any herbal medicine; and
- (g) the retailing of any herbal medicine,

on the basis of traditional Chinese medicine;

“practising certificate” means a practising certificate issued under section 17;

“prescribed practice of traditional Chinese medicine” means any type of practice of traditional Chinese medicine that has been declared by the Minister by order made under section 14(1) as a prescribed practice of traditional Chinese medicine;

“processing” means any type of treatment or preparation applied to a herbal medicine or mixture of herbal medicines based on traditional Chinese medicine before it is being —

- (a) offered for sale;
- (b) supplied to a patient; or
- (c) used for the manufacture of any herbal medicine;

“Register” means the Register of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners kept under section 12;

“registered person” means a person who is registered under section 14 for the carrying out of any prescribed practice of traditional Chinese medicine;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of the Board appointed under section 11(1) and includes any acting Registrar;

“registration” means registration under section 14 for the carrying out of any