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Read the first time on 11th November 1975.

An Act to amend the Dentists Registration Act (Chapter 215 of the Revised Edition).

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 Registration (Amendment) Act, 1975, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette* appoint.

New section 1A

2. The Dentists Registration Act (hereinafter in this Act referred to as “the principal Act”) is hereby amended by inserting immediately after section 1 thereof the following section: —

“Interpretation

1A. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

“dental therapist” means a person who has successfully completed a course in dental therapy conducted by the Ministry of Health in Singapore;

“registered dentist” means a person who is registered as a dentist under this Act.”.

Amendment of section 2

3. Section 2 of the principal Act is hereby amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (a) of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(a) the Assistant Director of Medical Services (Dental);”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (c) of subsection (1) thereof;

(c) by deleting the word “two” appearing in paragraph (d) of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the word “four”;

(d) by deleting the words “nominated by the Singapore Dental Association” appearing in paragraph (f) of subsection (1) thereof;

(e) by deleting paragraph (g) of subsection (1) thereof and substituting therefor the following: —

“(g) a dentist registered in the second division of the register and practising in Singapore to be appointed by the Minister.”; and

(f) by deleting the expression “Director of Medical Services, Singapore,” appearing in the first line of subsection (3) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “Assistant Director of Medical Services (Dental)”.

Amendment of section 3

4. Section 3 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the expression “Director of Medical Services, Singapore,” appearing in subsection (2) thereof and substituting therefor the expression “Assistant Director of Medical Services (Dental)”.

Amendment of section 5

5. Section 5 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

“Qualifications necessary for registration

5.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the following persons shall be entitled to be registered under this Act:

- (a) any person who holds the degree of Bachelor of Dental Surgery of the University of Singapore;
- (b) any person who holds any other degree, diploma or licence in Dentistry which was granted by any university, corporation, college or other body outside Singapore, included in the Schedule to this Act;
- (c) any person who holds any other degree, diploma or licence granted by any university, corporation, college or other body outside Singapore which is not included in the Schedule to this Act whom the Minister may, after consulting the Board, by order declare to be entitled to be registered under this Act, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be prescribed in such order;
- (d) any person who is resident in Singapore temporarily for the purposes of teaching, research or postgraduate study in an institution accepted for that purpose by the Board and who possesses qualifications in dentistry which in the opinion of the Board are adequate:

Provided that such person is exclusively employed in teaching, research, or postgraduate study and that his registration shall be cancelled forthwith if he engages in any form of private practice;

- (e) a dental therapist who has not less than ten years' practical experience in dentistry recognized by the Board and who has passed such further examinations as may be prescribed; or
- (f) any person not falling within any of the preceding paragraphs who, immediately before the date of the commencement of the Dentists Registration (Amendment) Act, 1975, is a registered dentist whose registration has not been cancelled.

(2) Before advising the Minister under paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of this section the Board may satisfy itself, by such evidence as it may require, that the person holds a degree, diploma or licence in dentistry that is not lower in standard than that required of a person who holds a degree in dental surgery of the University of Singapore and, if the Board is not so satisfied, it may require the person to undergo and to pass an examination conducted or arranged by the Board.

(3) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, after consulting the Board, vary or amend the Schedule to this Act.”.