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An Act to create a statutory authority to be the sole agency for promoting and disseminating information pertaining to family planning in Singapore, and for matters incidental thereto.

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 Singapore Family Planning and Population Board Act, 1965, and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, appoint.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, “the Board” means the Singapore Family Planning and Population Board constituted under section 3.

Establishment and incorporation of the Board

3. There shall be constituted in Singapore a body to be known as “the Singapore Family Planning and Population Board”, which shall be a body corporate and shall have perpetual succession and a common seal. The Board may sue and be sued in its said name and perform such other acts as bodies corporate may by law perform.

Composition of the Board

4.—(1) The Board shall consist of —

- (a) the Deputy Director of Medical Services (Health), as Chairman;
- (b) the Medical Superintendent, Kandang Kerbau Maternity Hospital;
- (c) the Senior Obstetrician and Gynæcologist, Kandang Kerbau Maternity Hospital;
- (d) the Senior Health Officer (Maternal and Child Health);
- (e) the Senior Health Officer (Training and Health Education);
- (f) the Deputy Chief Statistician, Statistics Department;
- (g) the Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Public Assistance), Social Welfare Department;
- (h) two members to be appointed by the Minister who shall be persons on the academic staff of the University of Singapore; and
- (i) not more than six other persons to be appointed by the Minister.

(2) All letters of appointment of the members of the Board under paragraph (h) and (i) of subsection (1) shall issue from the Minister.

(3) The Minister may appoint a public officer to be the Secretary of the Board.

(4) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have the right to vote on any question coming before or arising at any meeting of the Board; in the absence of the Chairman, such member, as the members present may select, shall act as Chairman.

(5) The members of the Board appointed by the Minister under the provisions of paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection (1) shall, unless an appointment is revoked by the

Minister under the provisions of subsection (6) or unless they resign during their period of office, hold office for a term of three years or for such shorter period as the Minister may in any case determine.

(6) The Minister may at any time revoke the appointment of any member of the Board appointed under paragraphs (h) and (i) of subsection (1).

(7) If a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board by death, resignation, revocation of the appointment under subsection (6) or for any other cause, the Minister shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed under subsection (1) and any person so appointed shall hold office so long as the member in whose place he is appointed would have held office.

(8) The members of the Board may be paid out of the funds of the Board such salaries, fees or allowances as the Minister may determine.

(9) The quorum at all meetings of the Board shall be six members present and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

(10) All questions coming before or arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at that meeting of the Board, and in case of an equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(11) The Board shall not be precluded from holding any meeting or acting in any matter merely by reason of any vacancy or vacancies in its membership.

(12) The Minister may, by notification in the *Gazette*, vary the composition of the Board or the number of its members and provide in what manner additional members, if any, shall be appointed.

Disclosure of interest

5.—(1) If any member of the Board is directly or indirectly interested in any contract, proposed contract, or other matter and is present at a meeting of the Board, or any committee thereof, at which the contract or other matter is the subject of consideration, he shall, at the meeting and as soon as practicable after the commencement thereof disclose the fact, and shall not thereafter be present during the consideration or discussion of, and shall not vote on any question with respect to, that contract or other matter.

(2) The provisions of subsection (1) shall also apply to any member of a committee appointed in accordance with paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 13 when such member is present at a meeting of any committee.

Appointment of officers and servants

6.—(1) The Board may from time to time appoint and employ such officers and servants as may be necessary for the purposes of this Act and may from time to time dismiss them.

(2) All officers and servants of the Board shall be under the administrative control of the Board.

Ineligibility for employment as officers of the Board

7.—(1) No person shall be eligible for employment as an officer or servant of the Board who has, directly or indirectly, by himself or as partner, any share or interest in any contract with, for or on behalf of the Board.

(2) Any officer or servant of the Board who has or acquires any such share or interest shall be liable in the discretion of the Board to summary dismissal without notice.

Public servants

8. The members of the Board and the employees thereof of every description shall be deemed to be public servants within the meaning of the Penal Code (Cap. 119).

Directions by the Minister

9.—(1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Board or otherwise, give the Board such directions, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, as he may deem fit, as to the exercise and performance by the Board of its powers, duties and functions under this Act, and the Board shall give effect to all such directions.

(2) The Board shall furnish the Minister with such information with respect to its property and activities as he may from time to time require.

Payments to the Board

10. For the purpose of enabling the Board to carry out its functions under this Act, the Minister may, from time to time, authorise the payment to the Board of such sums as he may determine.

Person, body or association carrying out family planning work to be registered

11.—(1) The Board shall, for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this Act, maintain a register setting out the names, and such other particulars as it may determine, of persons who, and bodies and associations which —

- (a) promote or disseminate information pertaining to family planning; or
- (b) sell or distribute any medicine, preparation or article for such purpose; or
- (c) perform both the functions specified in paragraphs (a) and (b).