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I Assent,

James B. Carlisle,  
*Governor-General.*

9th November, 1995.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

**No. 11 of 1995.**

AN ACT to establish a Council to control and regulate the practice of pharmacy, the sale of drugs and poisons and to make provision for the registration and control of persons admitted to practise as pharmacists and engaged in the business of pharmacy.

[ *16th November, 1995* ]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Pharmacy Act, 1995.

Short title.

2. In this Act—

Interpretation.

"authorised seller of poisons" means a person licensed to sell poisons under section 19;

"Council" means the Council established under section 3;

"compounding" means mixing, putting together or uniting two or more ingredients ordered in a prescription by a duly registered medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon;

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"dentist" means any person who is registered as a dentist under section 32 of the Medical Act;

"dispensing" means the supplying of drugs on and in accordance with a prescription given by a medical practitioner, a dentist or a veterinary surgeon;

"drugs" means—

- (a) any substance or mixture of substances or any article manufactured, sold or represented for use in —
  - (i) the diagnosis, cure, treatment, mitigation or prevention of any disease, disorder, abnormal physical or mental state, or the symptoms thereof in human, animal or fowl;
  - (ii) the restoring, correcting or modifying of organic functions in human, animal or fowl;
  - (iii) the disinfection of premises where food is manufactured, prepared or stored, or
  - (iv) the preparation of cosmetics for producing a **drug** action as mentioned in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii), and
- (b) any substance whether natural or synthetic with therapeutic or medical properties and chiefly used as medicines or ingredients in medicines;
- (c) any article other than food intended to affect the structure of any function of the body of man or animal;

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"medical practitioner" means any person who is registered under section 24 of the Medical Act;

"pharmacy" means any place or premises registered as a pharmacy under section 13, and where prescriptions, drugs, medicines, chemicals and poisons are compounded, dispensed or sold or distributed by retail;

"pharmacist" means a person who is registered in accordance with section 9 and whose name appears in the Register of Pharmacists kept and maintained under section 6;

"poisons" means any substance, whether a drug or not, that is dangerous to human or animal health or life and is designated a poison by regulation made under this Act;

"Registrar" means the person appointed as Registrar under section 6;

"Veterinary Surgeon" means any person registered under section 11 of the Veterinary Act, 1986.

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3. (1) For the purpose of this Act there is established a Council known as the Pharmacy Council.

**Establishment and  
constitution of  
council.**

(2) The Council shall consist of seven members, **namely—**

- (i) the Chief Pharmacist, *ex officio*;
- (ii) one Medical Practitioner appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Antigua and Barbuda Medical Association;
- (iii) three pharmacists appointed by the Minister after consultation with the Antigua and Barbuda Pharmaceutical Society;
- (iv) one pharmacist who is or has been engaged in the teaching of pharmacy in Antigua and Barbuda and appointed by the Minister.
- (v) one person appointed by the Minister who shall represent the interest of the consumer.

(3) A member of the Council, other than an *ex-officio* member shall hold office for a term of three years, but shall at the expiration of such ~~term~~ be eligible for re-appointment.

(4) Any member of the Council, other than an *ex officio* member, may resign his office by writing to the Minister.

(5) Where a member ceases to hold office before the expiry of his term, the Minister may, subject to the mode of appointment **specified** in subsection (2), appoint a person to hold office for the un-expired period of that ~~term~~.

(6) Any person elected to the post of President or **deputy** President of the Council shall hold that post for a term of one year but shall be eligible for re-election at the expiration of such term.

(7) The Council may, subject to the provisions specified in the Schedule, regulate its own procedure.

(8) The Minister may, after consultation with —

- (a) the Antigua and Barbuda Medical Association, revoke the appointment of a member under subsection (2) (ii);
- (b) the Pharmaceutical Society of Antigua and Barbuda, revoke the appointment of a member appointed under subsection (2) (iii);

**Functions of the Council.**

**4.** (1) The **functions** of the Council are —

- (a) to advise the Minister on all matters affecting the production, purchase, sale and dispensing of pharmaceutical products;
- (b) to decide on matters **relating** to the qualification, examination and registration of persons qualified to practice **as** pharmacists;
- (c) to be responsible for establishing and maintaining high professional standards of practice and conduct among pharmacists;
- (d) to advise the Minister on procedures for examination and approval of pharmaceutical products;
- (e) to decide on matters relating to the registration of persons as authorised importers, exporters, manufacturers or sellers of pharmaceutical products;
- (f) to consider and approve for registration, persons who satisfy the requirements prescribed by the Council;
- (g) to establish rules of professional conduct and discipline and to provide procedures for enquiring into breaches of such rules;

- (h) to advise the Minister on matters relating to registration of premises and persons authorised to sell drugs and poisons;
- (i) to give directions to the Registrar in the performance of his duties under this Act;
- (j) to make recommendations to the Minister on matters relating to the administration of the Act;
- (k) to advise the Minister on any matter that he may, from time to time, refer to the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Council to examine any pharmaceutical apprentice who applies for a Certificate of competency and to grant such certificate to any applicant who satisfies the requirements of the Council.

(3) The Council shall not later than 31st day of March each year, prepare and submit to the Minister a comprehensive report of its activities during the preceding year.

5. The Minister may, after consultation with the Minister of Finance, pay to the members of the Council such remuneration or allowance as he may, from time to time, prescribe.

**Remuneration.**

6. (1) For the purposes of this Act there shall be a Registrar, who shall be appointed by the Minister on the advice of the Council.

**Appointment of Registrar.**

(2) The Registrar shall be a person who is a qualified pharmacist and is registered under section 9 of this Act.

(3) The Registrar shall perform the general administrative duties of the Council and shall in particular keep and maintain the following—

- (a) a "Register of Pharmacists" in which shall be recorded the names and particulars of all persons admitted by the Council to practice as pharmacists;
- (b) a "Register of Pharmacies" in which shall be recorded the names and addresses of premises licensed to operate the business of pharmacy.

(4) The Registrar shall, at the direction of the Council, record the names and particulars as may be prescribed, of all persons approved by the Council to be registered as pharmacists.

(5) The Registrar shall comply with any direction given to him under section 4 (1)(i).

**Qualification for registration as pharmacist.**

7. (1) A person is entitled to be registered **as** a pharmacist if he satisfies the Council **that**—

- (a) he is in possession of the qualifications prescribed by the Council;
- (b) he has attained the age of twenty-one years; and
- (c) he has paid the prescribed fee for registration and the annual licensing fee to practice **as** a pharmacist.

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(2) A person is entitled to be registered **as** a pharmacist who before the commencement of this Act is registered as a chemist and druggist under section 40 of the Medical Act.

(3) No person who is registered under any law in force in Antigua and Barbuda as a Medical Practitioner, Dentist or Veterinary Surgeon is entitled to be registered as a Pharmacist under this Act.

**Application for registration.**

**8.** (1) Any person may apply to be registered under this Act by submitting to the Registrar a duly completed application in the prescribed form.

(2) The application form shall be accompanied by the following —

- (a) a document certifying his professional qualifications;
- (b) two testimonials of good character and ability from persons who have known the applicant for at least three years;
- (c) a birth certificate; and
- (d) the names of two referees who are qualified pharmacists or medical practitioners.

(3) The Minister shall by Regulation prescribe the registration fee.

9. (1) The Council may direct the Registrar to enter the name and particulars of any person whose application is successful in the Register of Pharmacists and to issue to such person, on payment of the registration fee, a certificate of registration in the form prescribed by the Council.

**Registration of  
pharmacists.**

(2) The Registrar shall publish in the *Gazette* a notification of the name and particulars of all persons entered in the Register of Pharmacists as directed under subsection (1).

10. (1) No certificate shall be valid unless it is signed by the President and the Registrar and authenticated with the seal of the Council.

**Certificate of  
registration as a  
pharmacist.**

(2) Every pharmacist registered under this Act is entitled to be issued with one certificate only but in the event of loss or destruction may apply to the Council for replacement on payment of the requisite fee.

11. (1) No person shall engage in the practice of pharmacy unless such person is registered as a pharmacist under this Act.

**Practising  
pharmacy without  
licence.**

(2) Any person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction thereof to a fine of ten thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for twelve months or to both.

12. (1) No premises shall be used or permitted to be used to operate a pharmacy unless such premises has been approved by the Minister and licensed as suitable for operating a pharmacy.

**Procedure for  
licensing  
premises.**

(2) Every application for a licence to operate a pharmacy on any premises shall be made to the Registrar in a form prescribed by regulation, providing such particulars as the Minister may, after consultation with the Council require.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1) the Minister shall not grant a licence under this section unless such a pharmacy has in its employ a registered pharmacist for the purpose of dispensing, managing and controlling all **drugs** and poisons.

(4) The Registrar shall submit any such application to the Board of Inspectors who shall inspect the premises and make a report to the Minister stating whether the requirements of this Act have been complied with.

(5) The Minister may after considering the Report approve or refuse the application for a licence. Where the Minister refuses to approve an application he shall give reasons for so refusing.

**Registration of  
licensed premises.**

**13.** (1) Where pursuant to section 12 the Minister approves any premises for use as a pharmacy; he may upon payment of the prescribed fee direct the Registrar—

- (a) to enter the name of the approved premises in the Register of Pharmacies;
- (b) to issue the applicant with a certificate of licence in respect of such premises; and
- (c) to publish the name and address of the approved premises in the *Gazette*.

(2) Every licence granted under this section shall remain valid for a period of twelve months from the date of issue.

(3) Application for renewal of licensed premises shall be submitted to the Registrar not later than three months before the expiration of the licence.

(4) The Registrar shall forward such application together with the report of the Board of Inspectors to the Council who shall determine whether or not the licence should be renewed and make such recommendations as it considers appropriate to the Minister.

(5) The Minister may, on receipt of such recommendation and on payment of the prescribed fee renew the licence.

**Prohibition of  
unlicensed  
premises as  
pharmacy.**

**14.** (1) No person shall operate a pharmacy on any premises unless there is in force in relation to such premises a valid licence issued by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 13.

(2) The person operating any pharmacy licensed under this Act shall at all times, display in a conspicuous place within the



licensed premises the certificate of licence in respect of the premises.

(3) Any person who fails to comply with this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of two thousand dollars or to a term of imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

15. (1) The Minister may cancel or suspend a licence on any of the following grounds—

Cancellation and suspension of licence.

- (a) that the premises in relation to which the licence is issued has ceased to be used as a **pharmacy**;
- (b) that the **premises** is in a state of disrepair or is in an unsanitary condition so as to render it unsuitable to comply with the conditions of this Act.

(2) Where a licensed premises has ceased to be used as a pharmacy, the holder of the licence to which the premises relates shall deliver up the licence to the Registrar for cancellation.

(3) The holder of a licence that has been cancelled or suspended under this section shall, as soon as practicable but not later than fourteen days of the notice of cancellation or suspension, deliver up the licence to the Registrar to be disposed of in a manner directed by the Council.

16. (1) The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, constitute a Board of Inspectors who shall consist of the Chief Pharmacist or his representative and two other members of the Board.

constitution and functions of Board of Inspectors.

(2) The Board of Inspectors shall have the following functions—

- (a) enter any premises in respect of which application for registration is made and carry out such inspection as it may consider necessary for the purposes of this Act;
- (b) enter any premises on which a pharmacy is operated for the purpose of finding out whether the provisions of this Act or my professional standards established by the Council are being complied with or to inves-

investigate any matter referred to it by the Minister or the Council;

- (c) enter any premises on which drugs or poisons are sold for the purpose of finding out whether the provisions of this Act are being complied with;
- (d) enter any premises in respect of which there is reasonable cause to suspect that a breach of this Act or any regulation made thereunder is contravened.

(3) The Board of Inspectors shall have the power to make such enquiries and collect such samples as may be considered necessary for ascertaining whether this Act or any regulation made thereunder is being complied with.

(4) No occupier of any premises shall obstruct the Board of Inspectors in the carrying out its function under this Act.

(5) Nothing in this section prevents the Board of Inspectors from entering and inspecting the premises of any medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon or any premises where they have reason to believe that the dispensing or the distribution of drugs is being carried out.

(6) The Board of Inspectors shall after any inspection carried out at the direction of the Minister or as required by this Act, submit to the Minister a report stating whether—

- (a) the premises complies with the standards set out by the Council;
- (b) any of the provisions of this Act has been contravened;
- (c) there has been a breach of any professional misconduct.

(7) Where the report of the Board of Inspectors finds that the premises fails to comply with the standards set out by the Council, the Minister may, by notice in writing, direct the holder of the licence to carry out within a specified time such repairs or alterations as are considered necessary to comply with the standards set up by the Council.

(8) If at the expiration of such specified **time** the holder of the licence fails to comply with such direction, the Minister shall suspend the licence until the licence **holder** complies with the direction.

(9) Where a licence holder fails within three months of the suspension of the licence to comply with the Minister's direction, he may, cancel the licence.

(10) The Registrar may, at the direction of the Council, remove from the Register of Pharmacies the name of any **pharmacy** in respect of which the licence **has** been cancelled.

(11) The Registrar shall **as soon as** a licence is suspended or cancelled under this section cause to be published in the *Gazette*—

- (a) a notice of suspension or cancellation of the licence;
- (b) the removal of the name of a **pharmacy** from the Register of Pharmacies.

17. (1) Any person who is **aggrieved** by a decision of the Council— Appeals.

- (a) not to **permit** him to be registered;
- (b) **to suspend** or cancel the registration;
- (c) **to remove** his name from the Register of Pharmacies;
- (d) not to approve an application for **licensing** a premises for operating **as** a pharmacy;
- (e) to suspend or cancel the licence in **respect** of a licensed premises;

**may within thirty days** from the **date** of such decision appeal to a Judge **in chambers** against the **decision**.

(2) ~~The~~ Judge may, after hearing an appeal ~~made~~ to him **under subsection (1)**, grant such relief **as** he considers **proper**.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), a decision of the Council continues to have effect unless it is altered, amended or set aside by the Judge in Chambers.

Sale of drugs.

18. (1) ~~no person~~ shall sell, compound or dispense by **wholesale** or retail any drugs **unless—**

- (a) the selling, compounding or dispensing by retail is carried out by a registered pharmacist and on **pre-mises** registered under section 13 of this Act;
- (b) the selling by wholesale is effected under the control or supervision of a registered pharmacist;
- (c) the prescribed requirements relating to the compounding, **dispensing** or selling of the drugs are complied with;
- (d) in the case of a drug that is poison, the selling, compounding or dispensing complies with **the provisions** of sections 19 and 20.

(2) Every drug dispensed from a medical prescription shall be **placed in** a box, bottle, vessel, wrapper or other receptacle bearing a label with such instructions **as** the medical practitioner who prescribed it may direct.

Sale of poisons.

19. (1) No person shall carry on the business that includes the importation, selling by retail or by wholesale of poisons unless such person is registered as an authorised seller of poisons and the business is operated on premises licensed for the sale of poisons.

(2) An application to sell poisons shall **be made to the Registrar** on a form prescribed by regulation.

(3) The Registrar shall submit such application to the Council who may, after making such enquiries **as** it considers necessary, approve or refuse to approve such application.

(4) Where the Council is satisfied **that—**

- (a) the applicant is sufficiently knowledgeable and is a fit and proper person to sell poison; and

- (b) the premises in which he proposes to carry on such business is licensed for the sale of poisons under section 13;

it may make a recommendation to the Minister to grant to the applicant a certificate of licence.

(5) The Minister may, on the receipt of such recommendation and, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue to the applicant a licence on the prescribed form as an authorised seller of poisons.

(6) A licence issued under this section is not transferable and authorises only the licence holder to sell poison in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(7) A licence to sell poisons remains valid for a period of twelve months and is renewable on application in the prescribed form and on payment of the prescribed fee.

20. (1) Every person authorised under this Act to sell poisons by retail shall keep—

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sale of poisons.

- (a) a Poisons Book in which shall be recorded the particulars specified in subsections (3) and (4);
- (b) the poison in a bottle, vessel, box, wrapper or cover, distinctly labelled with the name of the poison and bearing a distinctive mark that it is a poison; and
- (c) the poison stored in an area set apart exclusively for poisons.

(2) For the purposes of this section the Minister may, on the advice of the Council, prescribe specified poisons and the conditions under which such poisons may be sold to the public.

(3) The seller of a specified poison shall not deliver it until the seller has entered or caused to be entered in the Poisons Book the following particulars—

- (a) the date and form of poison prescribed;
- (b) the name, occupation and the address of the person to whom the poison is supplied;

- (c) the name and quantity of the poison sold;
- (d) the purpose for which it is stated by the purchaser to be required,
- (e) the signature of the **purchaser**, the person if any who introduced him to the seller.

(4) **Where** the purchaser is a registered medical practitioner, veterinary surgeon or dentist, an **order** signed by the purchaser may be accepted in place of the signature in the Poisons Book and the **seller shall** enter the words "signed Order" and retain the Order for a period of two years.

(5) The seller of a specified poison may, in the case of an emergency and by an **undertaking** of a registered medical practitioner, veterinary surgeon or dentist to supply a signed order within twenty-four hours, sell without the immediate requirement of the signed order or the purchaser's signature in the book.

**Exemptions.**

**21. (1) Section 18 does not apply to the sale of any drug—**

- (a) to a medical practitioner, veterinary surgeon or dentist for the **purpose** of practising his profession;
- (b) to, or for use in, any approved **hospital**;
- (c) to a **pharmacist** for the purpose of a pharmacy or a commission agency employing a **pharmacist**.

(2) Section 20 does not apply to a **drug** administered by—

- (a) a medical practitioner to his patient;
- (b) a dental surgeon to his patient;
- (c) a veterinary surgeon for any animal under his care;
- (d) a midwife **acting** under the direction of a registered medical **practitioner**;
- (e) a nurse acting under the **direction of** a **registered medical** practitioner,

**Dispensing and  
compounding.**

**22. A person who operates a pharmacy shall not permit the dispensing section thereof to be open unless—**

- (a) a pharmacist registered under this Act is in charge thereof and in actual attendance therein; and
- (b) all drugs in the dispensing section of the pharmacy required by this Act to be compounded, dispensed, stored for sale or retailed under the supervision of a pharmacist are secured in a place to which the public has no access.

**23. (1)** No person shall, unless registered under this Act as a pharmacist or seller of poisons, as the case may be, assume or make use of the following titles— **Use of titles.**

- (a) Pharmacist;
- (b) Chemist or Druggist;
- (c) Pharmaceutical Chemist;
- (d) Dispensing Chemist;
- (e) Dispensing Druggist;

Authorised seller of poisons or drugs or any other title or name implying that he is registered as such under this Act.

(2) No person shall, unless he is registered as a pharmacist under this Act, use in connection with any business, any sign, title or emblem or any description which implies that he or any other person employed by him possesses any qualification with respect to the selling, compounding for dispensing of any drug or poisons.

(3) No person shall, unless he is registered as a pharmacist under this Act, display on any premises any sign, emblem or representation that includes the description "drug store", "drug dispensary" or "pharmacy" or any other sign, title, emblem, or representation that implies or from which the public may infer that those premises are registered as such under this Act.

**24. (1)** The Council may, from time to time, establish a disciplinary committee to hear and determine, all cases brought on behalf of the Registrar under subsection (4) against any person for breach of— **Disciplinary proceedings.**

- (a) any disciplinary rules made under this Act; or
- (b) any professional conduct recognised by the Council.

(2) The Council may institute disciplinary proceedings against any pharmacist registered under this Act who—

- (a) has been convicted of an offence under this Act;
- (b) has been convicted for an offence involving moral turpitude under any other law; or
- (c) has committed an act of professional misconduct.

(3) For the purposes of this Act "professional misconduct" includes, violation of any code of conduct of professional standards established or recognised by rules made under this Act.

(4) All disciplinary proceedings under this Act shall be instituted in the name of the Registrar.

(5) Any person against whom any disciplinary proceedings is brought under this Act may appear in person or be represented by Counsel.

(6) The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, prescribe by regulation the procedure for conducting disciplinary proceedings.

**Penalty.**

25. (1) The Committee may at the conclusion of any disciplinary proceedings submit a report of its findings to the Council.

(2) Where the Council is satisfied that the person against whom proceedings were brought has violated any disciplinary rules or professional standards it may—

- (a) suspend the licence of such person for a period not exceeding one year; or
- (b) it may cause the cancellation of the licence of the person or the removal of his name from the register if the breach is so serious as to warrant the imposition of such penalty.



(3) The Council may **direct** the Registrar to remove the name of a pharmacist from the register if such **pharmacist**—

- (a) is convicted of an offence under this Act which in the opinion of the Council renders the person unfit to practise **as** a pharmacist;
- (b) obtained his registration by fraud;
- (c) is certified to be of unsound mind;
- (d) is convicted under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1973 or under any other Act controlling or prohibiting the compounding, sale or use of any drugs; No. 21 of 1973.
- (e) is guilty of professional misconduct;
- (f) is habitually drunk or is addicted to any drug;
- (g) is negligent in compounding, dispensing or selling of drugs;
- (h) is convicted of a felony by a court of competent jurisdiction;

26. The Registrar shall, cause to be published in the *Gazette* the suspension, cancellation or removal of the name of any pharmacist from the Register of **Pharmacists**. Publication of removal of name in the *Gazette*.

27. Any person **who**—

**Offences.**

- (a) wilfully delays or obstructs the Board of Inspectors in the execution of its duties;
- (b) refuses to allow any sample to be taken in accordance with section 16 (2);
- (c) fails to, or knowingly gives false information to the Board of Inspectors in the performance of its duties or gives information **that** is likely to mislead the Board of Inspectors in the performance of its duties;
- (d) by the offer of bribes or other inducement prevents or attempts to prevent the board of Inspectors or any

member of the Board from performing the duties imposed on it by this Act;

- (e) with the intent to deceive—
  - (i) forges a certificate purporting to be issued under this Act;
  - (ii) uses a certificate issued to another person under this Act;
  - (iii) lends or allows a certificate that has been issued to him to be used by another person;
  - (iv) uses a licence that has been cancelled or suspended under section 15.
- (f) accepts bribes in connection with any matter relating to the performance of his functions; or
- (g) contravenes any provision of this Act or any regulation made thereunder;

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of twenty thousand dollars and to a term of imprisonment for a period of twelve months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Regulations.

**28.** The Minister may, after consultation with the Council, make regulations—

- (a) prescribing the qualifications necessary for registration as pharmacists;
- (b) prescribing the period for which any certificate given under the provisions of this Act is to remain in force;
- (c) respecting the manner in which disciplinary proceedings or enquiries are to be instituted and the procedure to be followed in the conducting of these proceedings or enquiries;
- (d) prescribing the period for which any books or registers required under this Act are kept and preserved;

- (e) respecting the addition to poisons of specified ingredients for the purpose of rendering them readily distinguishable as poisons;
- (f) controlling the sale whether wholesale or retail, or the supplying of poisons by or to any person or classes of persons;
- (g) specifying the substances that are poisons for the purposes of this Act;
- (h) prohibiting the sale by retail of any specified poison except on a prescription given by a medical practitioner, dentist or veterinary surgeon and regulating the use of such prescriptions;
- (i) respecting the compounding, dispensing, labelling, storing, packaging, sale and retailing of drugs and poisons;
- (j) respecting the containers in which poisons may be sold or supplied;
- (k) prescribing those places, other than pharmacies in which poison included in the list referred to in section 20 (2) may be stored for sale or may be sold by retail and the requirements to be satisfied in relation to the storing and retailing in those places of those poisons;
- (l) prescribing the qualification of persons to be put in control of the manufacture of pharmaceutical preparations containing poisons;
- (m) prescribing the fees to be paid for anything to be done under this Act;
- (n) prescribing anything that is by this Act authorised or required to be prescribed.

29. Sections 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 and 57 of the Medical Act are hereby repealed.

Repeals.  
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**SCHEDULE**

**Section 3 (7)**

**Procedure of Council**

- (1) The council shall elect from amongst its members a president and a deputy president.
- (2) The president shall preside at all meetings of the Council, but in his absence the deputy president shall preside.
- (3) Where for any reason both the president and the deputy president are absent from any meeting, the members present and forming a quorum shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.
- (4) For the purposes of any official meeting of the Council, four members shall constitute a quorum.
- (5) The Council shall, for the proper conduct of its business, hold its meetings at such places and at such times as it may, from time to time, determine.
- (6) All decisions of the Council shall be by a majority of the votes of the members present and voting.
- (7) In the event of the votes being equal the person presiding at such meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (8) The Chief Pharmacist may appoint a member of his staff to be the secretary of the Council.
- (9) The secretary shall keep a minutes book in which shall be recorded the proceedings and decisions of the Council.
- (10) All decisions of the Council shall be signed by the president and the secretary.
- (11) The Minister may revoke the appointment of any member appointed under section 3 (2) (iv).

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*President.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Clerk to the House of Representatives.*

**S. Walker,**  
*Clerk to the Senate.*

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