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*Passed by the National Parliament this sixth day of April 1988.*

*This printed impression has been carefully compared by me with the Bill passed by Parliament and found by me to be a true and correct copy of the said Bill.*

  
 J.M. Tuhaika  
 Clerk to the National Parliament

*Assented to in Her Majesty's name and on Her Majesty's behalf this twenty-eighth day of April 1988.*

  
 B. Devesi  
 Governor-General

*Date of Commencement: see section 1.*

AN ACT to amend the Health Services Act 1979.

ENACTED by the National Parliament of Solomon Islands.

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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section:

1. Short title and commencement.
2. Amendment of section 2 of Act No. 5 of 1979.
3. Amendment of sections 4, 10, 11, 13, 16, 18 and 19.
4. Amendment of section 7.
5. Amendment of section 8.
6. Repeal and replacement of section 9.
7. Amendment of heading to Part III.
8. Amendment of section 16.

1. This Act may be cited as the Health Services (Amendment) Act 1988 and shall come into operation on such date as the Minister may appoint by notice published in the Gazette.
2. Section 2 of the Health Services Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal Act") is hereby amended in the following respects -
- (a) by inserting therein in proper alphabetical sequence the following new definitions -
    - "auxiliary nurse" has the meaning assigned to it in the Nursing Council Act 1987;
    - "primary health care services" means services required for the prevention and cure of illnesses;
    - "private medical practitioner" means a medical practitioner not employed by the Government;
    - "psychiatric illness" in relation to a person, means a person suffering or appearing to be suffering from mental disorder;
  - (b) by deleting from the definition of "aid post" the words "Village Health Aides" and substituting therefor the words "auxiliary nurse";
  - (c) by deleting from the definitions of "hospital" and "illness" the words "mental illness" wherever those words appear therein and substituting therefor in each case the words "psychiatric illness"; and
  - (d) by deleting the words "health services" wherever those words appear therein and substituting therefor in each case the words "primary health care services".
3. Sections 4(1), 10, 11(1), 13, 16, 18(1) and 19 of the principal Act are hereby amended by deleting the words -
- "health services" and "personal health services" wherever those words appear in those sections and substituting therefor in each case the words "primary health care services".
4. Section 7 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting therefrom the word "shall" and substituting therefor the word "may".
5. Section 8 of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting subsection (1) and substituting therefor the following -
- (1) The Minister may make regulations generally for the proper carrying out the provisions and purposes of this Act, and

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in particular, but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing may make regulations -

- (a) relating to the management of public hospitals and for establishing such committees as he considers necessary for the proper administration of such public hospitals;
- (b) with respect to the admission, discharge, control, safety and welfare of patients and other persons (including the safe keeping of properties of the patients or persons) in public hospitals;
- (c) with respect to the attendance of visitors to public hospitals;
- (d) for the control of, and the payment of fees for, the use of facilities of public hospitals by private medical and dental practitioners;
- (e) relating to charges for the maintenance, and treatment of patients in public hospitals, and the supply of medicine and services to patients in such public hospitals;
- (f) relating to charges for services performed outside public hospitals or public dispensaries by an officer attached to such hospital or dispensary;
- (g) with respect to the powers and duties of the staff of public hospitals;
- (h) in respect of admission, discharge and the responsibility for persons under detention who are referred to hospitals;
- (i) prescribing matters relating to discipline of staff in public hospitals, clinics, aid posts and area health centres; and
- (j) in respect of confidentiality of patient information.”.

Repeal and replacement of section 9.

6. Section 9 of the principal Act is hereby repealed and the following new section substituted therefor -

“Board 9. (1) The Minister may appoint for every of public hospital a Board of visitors in the prescribed manner and such Board shall have such powers and functions as may be prescribed.

(2) Where the Minister considers that the functions of the Board of visitors could be performed by the Health Committee of any Provincial Assembly, he may instead of appointing such Board, direct the Health Committee to carry out the functions of the Board.”.

Amendment of heading to Part III.

7. The heading to Part III of the principal Act is hereby amended by deleting the words “PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES” and substituting therefor the words “PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES”.

8. Section 16 of the principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects -

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section 16.

- (a) by inserting in paragraph (a) after the word "virological" the word "radiological,";
- (b) by deleting the word "and" that appears at the end of paragraph (d);
- (c) by deleting the fullstop that appears at the end of paragraph (e) and substituting therefor a semicolon and the word "and"; and
- (d) by inserting therein next after paragraph (e) the following new paragraph -
  - " (f) provide such assistance as he thinks necessary to any person employed in a public hospital who wishes to undertake or is undertaking post-graduate studies necessary for the proper and efficient performance of his duties as an employee in that hospital."

