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An Act to amend the Health Practitioners Act No. 5 of 1983.

BE IT ENACTED by the President and Parliament as follows:-

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1. The Health Practitioners Act No. 5 of 1983 is amended as follows:-

(a) In section 1 by -

- (i) deleting the words "Deputy Director" and the definition thereof;
- (ii) deleting the word "Director" and the definition thereof;
- (iii) adding the following word and definition immediately after the definition of the words "health profession" -
"Minister" means the Minister for the time being responsible for matters relating to health practitioners and the health profession;"

(b) In section 2 by -

- (i) substituting "Minister" for "Director" in paragraph (a) of subsection (1);
- (ii) deleting paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and substituting the following therefor -
"(b) Five members appointed by the Minister one each to be a registered practitioner in -
 - (i) medicine;
 - (ii) surgery;
 - (iii) dentistry;
 - (iv) nursing; and
 - (v) midwifery;"
- (iii) substituting "Minister" for "Director" in subsection (3);

- (c) In section 3 by -
 - (i) deleting subsection (1) and substituting the following therefor -

"(1) The Minister or, in his absence, a person acting in his state and four appointed members shall constitute quorum;"
 - (ii) substituting "Minister" for "Director" in subsection (2);
- (d) By substituting "Minister" for "Director" in subsection (3) of section 9;
- (e) By substituting "Minister" for "Board" where that expression appears in section 10;
- (f) In section 11 by -
 - (i) substituting "Minister" for "Director" where that expression appears in subsections (1)(a) and (3);
 - (ii) substituting "Minister" for "Board" where that expression appears in paragraph (c) and (d) of subsection (1).

COMMENCEMENT

- 2. This Act shall come into force on the day of its publication in the Gazette.