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VIRGIN ISLANDS
MEDICAL (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2013
ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

Section

1. Short title.
2. General amendments.
3. Section 23 amended.
4. Section 70 amended.
5. Section 78 amended.
6. Schedule 1 amended.

I Assent

**(Sgd.) Boyd McCleary, CMG, CVO,
Governor.
8th May, 2013**

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An Act to amend the Medical Act, 2000 (No.4 of 2000).

[Gazetted 23rd May, 2013]

ENACTED by the Legislature of the Virgin Islands as follows:

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical (Amendment) Act, 2013.

General
amendments.

2. The Medical Act, 2000 (referred to in this Act as “the principal Act”) is amended by replacing the following references wherever they occur:

(a) the words “Legislative Council” with the words “House of Assembly”;

(b) the words “Director of Health Services” with the words “Chief Medical Officer”.

Section 23
amended.

3. Section 23 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the words “Governor in Council” and replacing them with the word “Cabinet”.

Section 70
amended.

4. Section 70 of the principal Act is amended

(a) in paragraph (d) by deleting the words “Nurses, Midwives and Assistant Nurses Registration Act” and replacing them with the words “Nurses and Midwives Act, 2009”; and

(b) in the marginal note, by deleting the words “Cap.192” and replacing them with the words “No. 5 of 2009”.

Section 78
amended.

5. Section 78 of the principal Act is amended

(a) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “amend Schedules 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9” and replacing them with the words “amend Schedules 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 9”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (2) the following new subsection

“(3) An Order made under subsection (2) shall be laid before the House of Assembly.”.

6. Schedule 1 to the principal Act is amended

Schedule 1
amended.

(a) by replacing paragraph 1 with the following:

“**1.** Subject to paragraph (3), the Medical and Dental Council shall comprise not more than seven persons appointed by the Minister, with the approval of Cabinet as follows:

- (a) two medical practitioners and one dental practitioner;
- (b) one member on the recommendation of the Medical and Dental Association;
- (c) two members from among persons with knowledge, experience and expertise in law, academia, the religious community, or any other fit and proper person;
- (d) the Chief Medical Officer, *ex officio*.”;

(b) in paragraph 3, by replacing subparagraph (1) with the following:

“(1) Members of the Council, other than the Chief Medical Officer, shall hold office for a term not exceeding three years but are eligible for re-appointment.”.

Passed by the House of Assembly this 25th day of April, 2013.

(Sgd.) Ingrid Moses-Scatliffe,
Speaker.

(Sgd.) Phyllis Evans,
Clerk of the House of Assembly.