

CHAPTER Y1 - YELLOW FEVER AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IMMUNISATION) LAW

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YELLOW FEVER AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES (IMMUNISATION) LAW

A Law to make provision for the compulsory immunisation of persons against yellow fever and other infectious diseases.

[NN 1963, Cap. 141. KWS LN 1 of 1982, No. 4 of 2006.]

[Date of commencement: 19th April, 1945]

1. Short title

This Law may be cited as the Yellow Fever and Infectious Diseases (Immunisation) Law.

2. Interpretation

In this Law—

[KWS LN 1 of 1982.]

"adult" means a person who is or who appears to be of the age of fourteen years or over;

"child" means a person who is or who appears to be under the age of fourteen years;

"commissioner" means the Commissioner for Health;

"health officer" includes a medical officer of health, a medical officer, a sanitary inspector, an environmental health officer or other person acting under the authority, whether general or special, of a medical officer of health whether any of such persons or officers is serving in the medical or health services of the Government or in the services of a local government council and, when so authorised in writing by the Commissioner, medical officers of the armed forces of the Federation, and members of the Rockefeller Yellow Fever Research Institute;

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"innoculation" includes reinoculation;

"parent" includes the guardian or any person having the care or custody of a child;

"prescribed area" means an area prescribed under the provisions of section 3 of this Law;

"State" means Kwara State of Nigeria;

"temporary visit" means a stay of seven days or less.

3. Liability to be inoculated

- (1) The Governor may by order direct that all persons or any specified class or classes of persons being or coming within such area in the State as may be prescribed in the order shall be liable to be inoculated against yellow fever.

[KWS LN 1 of 1982.]

- (2) When any order is made under the foregoing provisions of this section, the provisions of this Law shall thereupon apply in relation to all persons, or the class or classes of persons, specified in the order.

4. Inoculation of adults

Every adult to whom an order made under the provisions of section 3 applies shall within seven days of the coming into force of such order or within seven days of entering into a prescribed area, save on a temporary visit, present himself to a health officer for examination and, if necessary, inoculation against yellow fever and shall subsequently attend at such time and at such place as the health officer may direct for the purposes of such examination and inoculation.

5. Inoculation of children

The parent of a child to whom an order made under the provisions of section 3 applies shall, if such child is of the age of eighteen months or over at the date on which the order comes into force or on which such child enters into a prescribed area, save on a temporary visit, within seven days of the happening of either event bring such child to a health officer for examination and, if necessary, inoculation against yellow fever and shall subsequently bring such child to such place and at such time as the health officer may direct for the purposes of such examination and inoculation.

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Without prejudice to the generality of section 4 or 5 the Commissioner may regulate the procedure whereby adults or children to whom an order under section 3 applies shall present themselves or be brought for examination and, if necessary, inoculation.

[KWS LN 1 of 1982.]

7. Health officers to keep records of examinations and inoculations

Every health officer shall for the purposes of this Law keep such records as may be required by the Commissioner.

[KWS LN 1 of 1982.]

8. Certificate to be given

A health officer shall on request by any person inoculated under the provisions of this Law issue to such person a certificate of inoculation showing the date and place of inoculation.

9. Examination and inoculation to be free

No fee shall be payable in respect of any examinations or inoculation made or performed under the provisions of this Law except where a yellow card is issued.

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10. Penalty

Any person who, without reasonable cause the burden of proving which shall be upon him, contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Law or of any rule made thereunder shall be liable, on conviction, for a first offence to a fine of two thousand naira or to imprisonment for six months or to both such fine and imprisonment and on conviction for a second or subsequent offence to a fine of two thousand naira or to imprisonment for one year or to both such fine and imprisonment.

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11. Power to make regulations

The Commissioner may make regulations generally for the carrying out of the provisions of this Law and in particular for—

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- (a) prescribing the forms to be used for any purposes under this Law;
- (b) the duties and powers of any person engaged or employed in the administration of this Law;
- (c) the duties to be performed and the procedure to be adopted by a local government council either generally or in respect of any prescribed area;
- (d) the keeping and examination of books and other records in connection with the administration of this Law;
- (e) exempting from the provisions of this Law any person or class or classes of persons;
- (f) prescribing the standard of any serum or virus to be used for the purposes of inoculation;
- (g) prescribing the period on the expiration of which reinoculation may be required.

12. Provision for application of this Law to infectious diseases

If the Governor shall by order so declare, the provisions of this Law shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to any disease specified in the order, being an infectious disease as defined in the Public Health Law, as they apply in relation to yellow fever.

[Cap. Pi4.]

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SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

No Subsidiary Legislation