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**SRI LANKA**

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**MEDICAL (AMENDMENT)**

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**BILL**

**to amend the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105)**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2* : This clause amends section 19 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) in order to add certain matters in respect of which regulations can be made by the Minister.

*Clause 3* : This clause amends section 19C of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the appointment of a Committee to advice the Minister regarding any recommendation made by the Medical Council in respect of any recognized university or institution under subsection (1) of section 19C.

*Clause 4* : This clause amends section 19E of the principal enactment for better explanation of the term “any university or institution”.

*Clause 5* : This clause amends section 29 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 2.

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AN ACTTOAMENDTHE MEDICAL ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 105)

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist   
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows: -  
 **1.** This Act may be cited as the Medical (Amendment) Short title

Act, No. of 2024.

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| 5 | **2.** Section 19 of the Medical Ordinance (Chapter 105) | | Amendment |
| of section 19 |
| (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby | |
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| amended as follows:- | |
| Chapter 105 |
| (1) | in paragraph (*f*) thereof, by the substitution for the |

words “universities and other institutions.” of the

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| 10 | (2) | words “universities and other institutions;”; and |
| immediately after paragraph (*f*) thereof, by the |

addition of the following:-  
“(*g*) the criteria of recognizing and renewal of recognition of any medical qualification 15 relating to any degree programme conducted by a recognized university or institution; (*h*)   
 the criteria of adopting the international ranking and categorization of any recognized university or institution in recognizing the 20 medical qualification relating to any degree programme conducted by any recognized university or institution;   
 (*i*)   
 the procedure to be followed in approving any medical qualification relating to degrees 25 obtained from a recognized university or institution; and

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| 2 | (*j*) | *Medical (Amendment)* |
| the evaluation criteria and conditions in |

respect of any examination to practice medicine or dentistry in Sri Lanka for citizens of Sri Lanka holding any medical 5 qualification relating to any degree obtained from any foreign university or institution.”.

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| 10 | **3.** Section 19C of the principal enactment is hereby | | Amendment |
| amended as follows:- | | of section |
| 19C of the |
| (1) | by the insertion immediately after subsection (2) | principal |
| enactment |
| thereof, of the following:- | |

“(2A) Upon receipt of any comments from a recognized university or institution under subsection (2), the Minister shall refer such comments together with the recommendation 15 made by the Medical Council under subsection (1) to a committee consisting of the following members:-

(*a*) the Additional Secretary (Medical Services) of the Ministry of the 20 Minister assigned the subject of Health;

(*b*) the Director-General of Health   
Services of the Ministry of the

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| 25 | (*c*) | Minister assigned the subject of |
| Health; and |
| three other eminent professors in the |

field of medicine nominated by the   
Secretary to the Ministry of the   
Minister assigned the subject of

30 Health in consultation with the University Grants Commission.

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(2) by the repeal of subsection (3) thereof, and the   
 substitution therefor of the following:-

“(3) Where the Minister after examining the recommendation made by the Medical Council 5 under subsection (1) and the comments, if any, made by a recognized university or institution under subsection (2), and in consultation with the committee appointed under subsection (2A), is satisfied that –

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| 10 | (*a*) | the course of study provided by such |

university or institution leading to   
the grant or conferment of a medical   
qualification;

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| 15 | (*b*) | the degree of proficiency required |
| at examinations held by such |

university or institution for grant or   
conferment of such qualification;

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| (*c*) | the | staff, | equipment, |

accommodation and facilities 20 provided by such university or institution for such course of study,

do not conform to the prescribed standards, he shall, declare by Order published in the *Gazette* that any provision of this Ordinance which enables the holder 25 of such qualification to be registered under this Ordinance shall cease to have effect in relation to such university or institution or in relation to any institution affiliated to such university, from such date as specified in such Order.”.

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| **4.** Section 19E of the principal enactment is hereby | |
| amended in the definition of the expression “recognized | | of section |
| 19E of the |
| university or institution”, by the substitution for the words | |
| principal |
| “any university or institution” of the words “any university | | enactment |
| or institution, or any institution affiliated to such university | |

whetherlocal or foreign”.

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| 10 | **5.** Section 29 of the principal enactment is hereby amended | | Amendment |
| as follows: - | | of section 29 |
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| (1) | in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in | principal |
| enactment |
| paragraph (*b*) (ii) (*bb*), for the words “recognized | |

by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(2) in subsection (1) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (*b*) (iv) (*bb*) (i) for the words “recognized 15 by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”;

(3) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in paragraph (*b*) (iii) (*bb*) (i) for the words “recognized by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized 20 by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”; and

(4) in subsection (2) thereof, by the substitution in   
paragraph (*b*) (iii) (*bb*) (ii) for the words “recognized   
by the Medical Council” of the words “recognized

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| 25 | by the Medical Council as shall be prescribed,”. | Sinhala text |
| **6.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala |
| and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail. | to prevail in |
| case of |

inconsistency

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