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TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 22 of 1970**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Nurses and Midwives Registration  
Ordinance, 1960.

*[Assented to 26th June, 1970]*

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by Enactment  
and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House  
of Representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, and by the  
authority of the same as follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Nurses and Midwives Short title  
Registration (Amendment) Act, 1970.

Ordinance,  
No. 33 of 1960  
amended

2. The Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance, 1960 is amended—

(a) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) of section 17 thereof, the following subsection—

“ (3) A person who practises as a registered nurse after his certificate of registration is deemed to have been suspended under subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars or to six months imprisonment and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for eighteen months.”;

(b) by repealing and replacing section 19 as follows—

“Falsely conveying impression of being registered as a nurse, &c.

19. (1) A person who, not being registered as a nurse under this Ordinance, or who during any period when his certificate of registration issued under this Ordinance has been suspended or cancelled under section 18 or is deemed to have been suspended by virtue of subsection (2) of section 17, takes or uses the name or title of “registered nurse” either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, or any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge implying or calculated to convey the impression that he is registered under this Part of this Ordinance or is recognised by law as a registered nurse, is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who, not being registered as a nurse under this Ordinance, or, who

during any period when his certificate of registration issued under this Ordinance has been suspended or cancelled under section 18 practises as a registered nurse is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years.”;

- (c) by inserting immediately after subsection (2) of section 22 thereof, the following subsection—

“ (3) A person who practises as a midwife after her licence is deemed to have been suspended under subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars or to imprisonment for six months and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for eighteen months.”;

- (d) by repealing and replacing section 29 as follows—

“Falsely  
conveying  
impression  
of being  
recognised  
midwife

29. (1) A person who, not being licensed as a midwife under this Ordinance, or who during any period when her licence to practise issued under this Ordinance has been suspended or cancelled under section 23 or is deemed to have been suspended by virtue of subsection (2) of section 22, takes or uses the name or title of “midwife” either alone or in conjunction with any other words or letters or any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge, implying or calculated to convey the impression that she is registered

under this Part of this Ordinance, or is a person specially qualified to practise midwifery, or is recognised by law as a midwife, is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who, not being licensed as a midwife under this Ordinance or who during any period when her licence to practise issued under this Ordinance has been suspended or cancelled under section 23 practises as a midwife is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years.”;

(e) by substituting the words “Nursing Assistants”, “nursing assistants” and “nursing assistant”, respectively for the words “Hospital Aides”, “hospital aides” and “hospital aide” wherever those words occur therein.

“(f) by repealing and replacing section 35 thereof as follows:—

Certificate of  
registration  
and annual  
registration  
fee

35. (1) The Council shall, on entering the name of any person on the Roll, issue to such person a certificate and such certificate shall remain in force unless suspended or cancelled.

(2) If any such person fails to pay any annual registration fee which may be payable for three months after it becomes due, his certificate of registration shall be deemed to be suspended; but it shall be lawful for the Council to restore the validity of the certificate upon payment of the registration fee and such further sum by way of fine as may be prescribed.

(3) A person who practises as a Nursing Assistant after his certificate is deemed to have been suspended under section (2) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty dollars or to imprisonment for two months and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for six months.”;

(g) by repealing and replacing section 37 as follows:—

“Falsely conveying the impression of being enrolled

37. (1) A person who not being enrolled as a Nursing Assistant under this Ordinance, or who during any period when his name is removed by the Council from the Roll of Nursing Assistants under section 36 or is suspended from practice pending an inquiry under section 39 takes or uses the name or title of “Nursing Assistant” either alone or in combination with any other words or letters, or any name, title, addition, description, uniform or badge implying or calculated to convey the impression that he is enrolled as a Nursing Assistant under this Ordinance, is guilty of an offence;

(2) A person who, not being enrolled as a Nursing Assistant under this Ordinance, or, who during any period when his name is removed by the Council from the Roll of Nursing Assistants under section 36 or is suspended from

practice pending an inquiry under section 39, practises as a Nursing Assistant is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for two years.”;

“Council as body corporate-powers of No. 2 of 1962.”

3. Section 19 of the Interpretation Act, 1962 (relating to words of incorporation) shall apply with respect to the body corporate established by section 3 of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Ordinance as it would have applied to that body corporate if that Ordinance had been passed after the coming into operation of the Interpretation Act, 1962.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 29th day of May, 1970.

G. R. LATOUR

*Clerk of the House*

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of June, 1970.

J. E. CARTER

*Clerk of the Senate*