

CHAPTER 12. No. 14.

VENEREAL DISEASE.

Ordinance
Ch. 12.
No. 12-1940.

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF
VENEREAL DISEASE.

Commence-
ment.

[3rd December, 1921.]

Short title.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Venereal Disease Ordinance.

Interpre-
tation.

2. In this Ordinance, the expression "venereal disease" means syphilis, gonorrhoea, or soft chancre.

Areas to be
declared (*).

3. The Governor in Council may, upon his being satisfied that an appropriate scheme for gratuitous treatment of persons suffering from venereal disease is already in operation in any area, and if he thinks fit, order that section 4 of this Ordinance be in operation in such area.

Treating or
prescribing
for venereal
disease.

4. In any area in which this section is in operation, a person shall not, unless he is a duly qualified medical practitioner, for reward, either direct or indirect, treat any person for venereal disease, or prescribe any remedy therefor, or give any advice in connection with the treatment thereof, whether the advice is given to the person to be treated or to any other person.

Treating,
prescribing,
or advertis-
ing drugs
for venereal
disease.

5. (1) A person shall not, by any advertisement or any public notice or announcement, treat or offer to treat any person for venereal disease, or prescribe or offer to prescribe

(*) See Order of 4.4.1923, in *Royal Gazette* of 12.4.1923, relating to the municipal areas of Port-of-Spain and San Fernando.

any remedy therefor, or offer to give or give any advice in connection with the treatment thereof.

(2) A person shall not hold out or recommend to the public, by any notice or advertisement, or by any written or printed papers or handbills, or by any label or words written or printed, affixed to or delivered with any packet, box, bottle, phial, or other enclosure containing the same, any pills, capsules, powders, lozenges, tinctures, potions, cordials, electuaries, plaisters, unguents, salves, ointments, drops, lotions, oils, spirits, medicated herbs and waters, chemical and officinal preparations whatsoever, to be used or applied externally or internally as medicines or medicaments for the prevention, cure, or relief of any venereal disease:

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply to any advertisement, notification, announcement, recommendation, or holding out made or published by any local or public authority, or made or published with the sanction of the Medical Board, or to any publication sent only to duly qualified medical practitioners or to wholesale or retail chemists for the purpose of their business.

6. If any person acts in contravention of any of the provisions of this Ordinance, he shall be liable, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for two years, or, on summary conviction, to a fine of four hundred and eighty dollars, or to imprisonment for six months. Penalties.