

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.

No. 52.—1921.

I ASSENT,



Acting Governor.

3rd December, 1921.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent the treatment of venereal disease otherwise than by duly qualified medical practitioners, and to control the supply of remedies therefor; and for other matters connected therewith.

[3rd December, 1921.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Trinidad and Tobago with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Venereal Disease Ordinance, 1921. Short title.

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

3. The Governor in Executive 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 Areas to be declared.

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

(2.) On and after the first day of August, nineteen hundred and twenty-two, 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 inclosure 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.

Penalties.

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, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding two years, or on summary

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conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds, or to imprisonment, with or without hard labour, for a term not exceeding six months.

Passed in Council this twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one.



C. P. Owen
Clerk of the Council.
