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**Note on Subsidiary Legislation**

This Chapter contains no subsidiary legislation.

**Note on Adaptation**

Under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Law Revision Act (Ch. 3:03) the Commission amended certain references to public officers in this Chapter. The Minister's approval of the amendments was signified by LN 52/1980, but no marginal reference is made to this Notice where any such amendment is made in the text.

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**An Act relating to the treatment of venereal disease.**

[3RD DECEMBER 1921]

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Venereal Disease Act.

**2.** In this Act, the expression “venereal disease” means syphilis, gonorrhoea, or soft chancre.

**3.** The Minister 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 Act be in operation in such area.

**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.

**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 disease 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

\*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.

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enclosure containing the same, any pills, capsules, powders, lozenges, tinctures, potions, cordials, electuaries, plasters, 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.

(3) 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.** Any person who acts in contravention of this Act is liable Penalties. on conviction on indictment to imprisonment for two years, or, on summary conviction, to a fine of four thousand dollars or to imprisonment for six months.