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A LAW TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY.

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Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Nursing and Midwifery Law.

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tation.

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2. In this Law, unless the context otherwise requires—

“category of nursing” means general nursing, mental nursing, tuberculosis nursing, nursing as a Cyprus registered nurse, nursing as a student nurse or any other category of nursing as may be prescribed;

“Director” means the Director of Medical Services and includes any medical officer in the public service authorized by him to act on his behalf for all or any purposes of this Law;

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“nurse” includes a general nurse, a mental nurse, a tuberculosis nurse, a Cyprus registered nurse, a student nurse or any other nurse as may be prescribed;

“Registrar” means the person appointed by the Governor by notice published in the Gazette to be the Registrar for the purposes of this Law;

"special licence" means a licence to practise nursing issued under section 10.

"student nurse" means a person employed in a public or private hospital whether recognized as a training school or not, and receiving therein training as a nurse. 2 of 23/55.

3. (1) There shall be constituted a Nursing and Midwifery Council (in this Law referred to as "the Council") which shall consist of— Nursing and Midwifery Council.

- (a) the Director;
- (b) two medical officers in the public service;
- (c) two registered medical practitioners in private practice;
- (d) two registered nurses, one of whom shall be the Senior Matron in the Government Nursing Service;
- (e) two registered midwives, one of whom shall be a midwife in the service of Government in the Medical Department.

(2) The Director shall be the Chairman of the Council and, in case of equality of votes, he shall have a casting or second vote.

(3) Members of the Council, other than the Director and the Senior Matron, shall be appointed by the Governor and shall hold office for a period of three years from the date of their appointment:

Provided that the Governor may, at any time, revoke the appointment of any such member.

(4) During the absence from Cyprus or incapacity of any appointed member of the Council, the Governor may appoint in his or her place any other person who possesses the qualifications required with regard to the particular absent member as in subsection (1) provided, to be a temporary member during such absence or incapacity.

(5) The Council shall meet at such times and place as the Chairman shall appoint and the Chairman with four other members shall form a quorum.

(6) Notices and all documents and communications from the Council shall be signed by the Chairman and communications to the Council shall be addressed to the Chairman.

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4. (1) The Registrar shall keep—

(a) a Register in the prescribed form of all persons registered as nurses under the provisions of this Law, consisting of the following parts:—

(i) a general part containing the names of all nurses who satisfy the conditions of admission to that part of the Register;

(ii) a supplementary part containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from mental diseases;

(iii) a supplementary part containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing and care of persons suffering from tuberculosis;

(iv) a supplementary part containing the names of Cyprus registered nurses;

(v) a supplementary part containing the names of student nurses:

Provided that, without special permission from the Council, no name of a student nurse shall remain on this part for more than five years;

(vi) any other prescribed part:

Provided that where any person satisfies the conditions of admission to any supplementary or prescribed part of such Register the name of such person may be included in that part of the Register notwithstanding that such name is also included in the general part;

(b) a Register in the prescribed form of all persons registered as midwives under the provisions of this Law.

(2) The Registrar shall keep both Registers up to date making therein such alterations as may be necessary with regard to addresses or qualifications of the persons registered and erasing from the Register the name of any person who has died or ceased to be qualified or whose name is removed from the relative Register under the provisions of this Law.

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of change
of address.

5. (1) Whenever any person registered under this Law changes his or her address, he or she shall, forthwith, notify his or her new address to the Registrar.

(2) The Registrar may write a letter to any registered person, addressed to him or her at the address as given in the particular Register, to inquire whether he or she has

changed his or her residence, and, if he does not receive an answer to such letter within six months of the sending thereof, he may erase from the Register the name of such person, provided always that the same may, subject to the provisions of subsection (2) of section 4, be restored at the request of such person.

6. A list of all persons registered and qualified up to date in both Registers shall be published by the Registrar in the Gazette in the month of January in each year and a copy of the Gazette for the year in which the list is last published shall be *prima facie* evidence in all legal proceedings that the persons therein named are nurses or midwives, as the case may be, and the absence of the name of any person from such copy shall be *prima facie* evidence that such person is not so registered:

Publication
of copies of
registers.

Provided that, in the case of any nurse or midwife who has been registered since the last publication as aforesaid, a certificate under the hand of the Registrar shall be evidence that such person is a nurse or midwife.

7. (1) No person shall practise any category of nursing or midwifery for purposes of gain who is not, as the case may be—

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(a) registered as a nurse, in respect of that category of nursing, or midwifery, in the manner hereinafter provided;

(b) specially licensed as a nurse, in respect of that category of nursing, in the manner hereinafter provided;

(c) a medical practitioner registered under the Medical Registration Law, who may practise nursing or midwifery.

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(2) Application for registration as a nurse, in respect of a category of nursing, or midwifery, or for a special licence as a nurse, in respect of a category of nursing, shall be made to the Registrar and the Registrar shall place the same before the Council and the Council shall decide upon the matter and shall notify its decision to the Registrar for compliance.

(3) (a) No Cyprus registered nurse shall practise any nursing in a prescribed public or private institution unless under the supervision of a registered general nurse.

(b) No tuberculosis nurse shall practise any nursing in a prescribed public or private hospital for tuberculosis or