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A LAW TO MAKE BETTER PROVISION FOR THE REGISTRATION,
CONTROL AND REGULATION OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

27 of 1952.

25 of 1954.

[7th November, 1952.]

Short title.

1. This Law may be cited as the Private Hospitals
(Control) Law.

Interpre-
tation.

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

“ Director ” means the Director of Medical Services
and includes any person authorized by him to act for
all or any of the purposes of this Law;

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“ medical practitioner ” means a medical practi-
tioner registered under the Medical Registration Law;

“ private hospital ” means any hospital, convalescent
home, nursing home, sanatorium or any premises used
or intended to be used for the reception of persons
suffering from any sickness, injury or bodily or mental
infirmity and the reception of women in childbirth or
immediately after childbirth for the purpose of pro-
viding such persons with nursing, medical or surgical
attention whether or not any payment or reward is
made or provided by or on behalf of any person so
received but does not include any such hospital,
convalescent home, nursing home, sanatorium or
premises maintained or controlled by Government or
by any local body or committee who obtain a grant-in-
aid from public funds;

“sanatorium” means a private hospital or a section thereof where persons, suffering from tuberculosis of any form, are ordinarily received, or intended to be ordinarily received, for the purpose of providing such persons with nursing, medical or surgical attention or where special arrangements are made for the reception of such persons for any of the aforesaid purposes.

3. No person shall establish or conduct in the Colony a private hospital, unless such hospital has been duly registered by the Director under the provisions of this Law.

Registration
of private
hospitals.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Law, every private hospital shall be under the management, control and supervision of a medical practitioner (hereinafter referred to as “the medical practitioner in charge”) who shall be responsible for the carrying into effect of the provisions of this Law in the private hospital concerned:

Person in
charge.

Provided that, in respect of a private hospital which is a sanatorium, the medical practitioner in charge shall be a chest specialist, having acquired a qualification in that branch either in the United Kingdom or elsewhere or satisfying the Director as having obtained adequate knowledge and experience in that branch.

(2) Where more than one medical practitioner is connected with a private hospital, one of such medical practitioners shall be nominated as the medical practitioner in charge.

5. (1) Application for the registration of a private hospital shall be made to the Director in the prescribed form and manner.

Registration.

(2) No private hospital shall be registered unless the Director is satisfied—

(a) that the medical practitioner in charge and every other medical practitioner connected with the private hospital is in all respects a fit and proper person to conduct the work of the hospital;

(b) that the nursing staff is adequate and in conformity with the provisions of any Regulations made under this Law;

(c) that the matron or other person in charge of the nursing staff is a qualified nurse registered under the Nursing and Midwifery Law;

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- (d) that the site, buildings and general amenities are in all respects satisfactory;
- (e) that, having regard to the situation of the private hospital or the particular type of such hospital and its proximity to inhabited places or to places frequented by the public, its establishment and conduct are not contrary to the public interest;
- (f) that the equipment is suitable and sufficient to meet the requirements of such private hospitals;
- (g) that the private hospital contains not less than the minimum or more than the maximum number of beds in conformity with any regulations made under this Law;
- (h) that the private hospital in all other respects complies with the provisions of any regulations made under this Law:

Provided that the Director shall not proceed to the registration of any sanatorium under this section unless the Governor in Council is satisfied that, having regard to its proximity to inhabited places or to places frequented by the public, its establishment and conduct are not contrary to the public interest.

(3) The Director shall keep a register of private hospitals and a register of sanatoria, both in the prescribed form, and shall record therein the prescribed particulars.

(4) On registration of a private hospital or sanatorium, the Director shall issue in respect thereof a certificate in the prescribed form, which shall be kept in a conspicuous place in the private hospital or sanatorium, as the case may be, and, if default is made in so keeping the medical officer in charge, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds and, in case of a continuing offence, not exceeding one pound for each day during which the offence continues.

(5) Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the Director to register a private hospital may, within ten days from the communication to him of such refusal, appeal to the Governor in Council whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.

Inspection
and super-
vision.

6. The Director may, at all reasonable times, enter a private hospital for the purpose of supervision and inspection and may require to be produced to him all or any of