

ACT NO. 31 OF 2018

I assent.

J. K. KONROTE
President

[13 July 2018]

AN ACT

TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1935

ENACTED by the Parliament of the Republic of Fiji—

Short title and commencement

- 1.—**(1) This Act may be cited as the Public Health (Budget Amendment) Act 2018.
- (2) This Act comes into force on 1 August 2018.
- (3) In this Act, the Public Health Act 1935 is referred to as the “Principal Act”.

Section 10 amended

- 2.** Section 10(1) of the Principal Act is amended by—

(a) in paragraph (a)—

- (i) after “a city or town”, inserting “,”; and
- (ii) after “,”, inserting “and”;

(b) deleting paragraphs (b) and (c) and inserting the following new paragraph—

“(b) for any part of Fiji which is not part of a city or town, the Board or any person or body appointed by the Board.”.

Section 24 amended

3. Section 24 of the Principal Act is amended after “if of” by inserting “the”.

Part 5 deleted

4. The Principal Act is amended by deleting Part 5.

Section 66A inserted

5. The Principal Act is amended after section 66 by inserting the following new section—

“Regulations

66A. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make regulations to prescribe matters that are required or permitted by this Part to be prescribed or are necessary or convenient to be prescribed for carrying out or giving effect to this Part and generally for achieving the purposes of this Part.”.

Section 80 amended

6. Section 80 of the Principal Act is amended by—

- (a) in the heading, deleting “local authorities” and substituting “town and city councils”; and
- (b) deleting subsection (2) and substituting the following—

“(2) All sums of money expended by a town or city council under the authority of or in pursuance of the provisions of this Act shall, unless otherwise provided for, be paid out of the funds of the town or city council.”.

Section 98 amended

7. Section 98 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (f).

Part 17 inserted

8. The Principal Act is amended after section 141 by inserting the following new Part—

“PART 17—TRANSITION*Transfer of functions and powers of local authorities in rural districts and Board*

142.—(1) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act or any other written law, any function or power that relates to health services and is conferred by this Act or any other written law on a local authority in a rural district existing immediately before 1 August 2018, shall be performed or exercised by the Board from 1 August 2018.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act or any other written law, any function or power that does not relate to health services and is conferred by this Act or any other written law on a local authority in a rural district existing immediately before 1 August 2018, shall be performed or exercised by a municipal council designated under section 6A of the Local Government Act 1972 from 1 August 2018.