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NO. 20 OF 2014

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ACT

[Date of Assent: 24th December, 2014.]

[Date of commencement: 14th January, 2015.]

AN ACT of Parliament to make provision for the training, registration and licensing of physiotherapists, to regulate their practice, to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Physiotherapy Council of Kenya and for connected purposes

[Act No. 20 of 2014, Act No. 5 of 2019.]

PART I — PRELIMINARY

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Physiotherapists Act, 2014.

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

"approved institution" means the Kenya Medical Training College, institutions established under the Universities Act, No. 42 of 2012, and the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Act, No. 29 of 2013 and such other training institution as the Council may approve;

"Cabinet Secretary" means the Cabinet Secretary for the time being responsible for matters relating to health;

"Council" means the Physiotherapy Council of Kenya established by section 3;

"physiotherapy" also referred to as "physical therapy" means the application of physiotherapy knowledge, skill and judgment by a physiotherapist to obtain, regain or maintain optimal health and functional performance and includes but is not limited to—

- (a) the assessment of neuromusculoskeletal and cardio respiratory, neural and vascular systems and establishment of physiotherapy diagnosis;
- (b) the development, progression, implementation and evaluation of physiotherapeutic interventions;
- (c) the education of patients, care providers on matters of health promotion, wellness, disease prevention and rehabilitation givers, students and other health services;
- (d) the manual therapy treatment techniques including soft tissue manipulation, proprioceptive neuromuscular facilitation, manual lymphedema drainage and muscle relaxation techniques;
- (e) the spinal and peripheral joints mobilization and manual manipulation;
- (f) work-place and modifications, prescription, fabrication, modification and application of braces, splints, taping, mobility aids or seating equipment;