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THE HEALTH (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020**A Bill for**

AN ACT of Parliament to amend the Health Act to provide that male circumcision shall be performed under medically safe and hygienic conditions and for connected purposes

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya, as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Health (Amendment) Act, 2020.

Short title.

2. The Health Act is amended by inserting the following new section immediately after section 74—

Amendment of section 74 of No. 21 of 2017.

Safe male
circumcision.

“74A. (1) The national Government and the county governments shall formulate policies to guide the practice of male circumcision.

(2) The objectives of the policies developed under subsection (1) shall be to—

- (a) provide that male circumcision shall be performed by trained and registered persons;
- (b) ensure that the health condition of the initiate is considered prior to circumcision;
- (c) ensure the safety of male circumcision procedures;
- (d) ensure that male circumcision is performed in hygienic environments; and
- (e) provide mechanisms for the religious or customary mentorship and counselling of young initiates.