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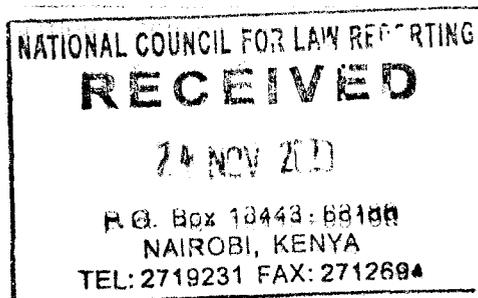
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THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS BILL, 2020

A Bill for

AN ACT of Parliament to make provision for the training, registration and licensing of community health workers; to regulate their practice; to provide for the establishment, powers and functions of the Community Health Workers Council of Kenya and for connected

ENACTED by the Parliament of Kenya as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. This Act may be cited as the Community Health Workers Act, 2020.

Short title.

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

Interpretation.

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

“certificate” means a certificate of registration issued by the Council to a person entitled to be registered under this Act;

“community health worker” means a person who, having successfully undergone a prescribed course of training in a training institution, is a holder of a certificate issued by that institution and is registered under this Act;

“Council” means the Community Health Workers Council established under section 3;

“register” means the register of community health workers which the Registrar is required to maintain under section 19;

“Registrar” means the registrar of community health workers as provided under section 17.

PART II—ESTABLISHMENT, FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS COUNCIL

3. (1) There is established a Council to be known as the Community Health Workers Council.

Establishment of the Council.

(2) The Council is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and shall, in its corporate name, be capable of—

- (a) suing and being sued;
- (b) taking, purchasing or otherwise acquiring, holding, charging and disposing of movable and immovable property;
- (c) borrowing money or making investments;
- (d) entering into contracts; and
- (e) doing or performing all other things or acts necessary for the proper performance of its functions under this Act, which may lawfully be done or performed by a body corporate.

4. The headquarters of the Council shall be in Nairobi.

Headquarters of
the Council.

5. The Council shall perform the following functions—

Functions of the
Council.

- (a) assess the qualifications of community health workers;
- (b) ensure the maintenance and improvement of the standards of practice by community health workers;
- (c) establish a professional code and supervise the professional conduct and practice of community health workers;
- (d) take the necessary disciplinary measures in cases of violations of professional conduct and discipline;
- (e) maintain the register and keep a record of all community health workers registered under this Act;
- (f) to collaborate with other bodies such as the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board, the Central Board of Health, the Clinical Officers Council, the Nursing Council of Kenya and the Pharmacy and Poisons Board, in furtherance of the functions of the Council and those bodies;