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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 3 of 1999**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54

*[Assented to 26th March, 1999]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as <sup>Enactment</sup>  
follows:—

**1.** This Act may be cited as the Dental Profession <sup>Short title</sup>  
(Amendment) Act, 1999.

Interpretation  
Chap. 29:54

**2.** In this Act “the Act” means the Dental Profession Act.

Section 10A amended

**3.** Section 10A of the Act is amended by inserting after subsection (4), the following new subsections:

“ (5) Where a new Council is not elected in accordance with subsection (4) the Minister shall appoint for a period of six months a Second Interim Council consisting of—

(a) three dentists one of whom shall be the dentist holding the most senior dental post in the Ministry of Health;

(b) a lay person;

(c) a dentist who has at least five years standing as a practicing dentist and who shall act as Chairman of the Second Interim Council.

(6) The quorum of the Second Interim Council shall be four members including the Chairman.

(7) Where a member of the Second Interim Council resigns the Minister may appoint another person as a member of the Second Interim Council.

(8) The Second Interim Council shall within its term of appointment convene a general meeting of the Board to elect a new Council under the Act.

(9) The President shall by Order appoint an independent fit and proper person to supervise the election to be held under subsection (8).

(10) Notwithstanding anything in subsection (5) the Second Interim Council shall demit office as soon as a Council is elected.”.

Section 10B inserted

**4.** The Act is amended by inserting the following new section:

“Registration  
by Second  
Interim  
Council

10B. (1) Notwithstanding anything in the Act or Dental Regulations, from the commencement of the Dental Professional

(Amendment) Act, 1999 the Second Interim Council shall have the power to register dentists as members of the Board.

(2) A dentist may apply to the Second Interim Council for registration for membership of the Board in Form DR I set out in the Schedule to the Dental Regulations.

(3) Until a new Council is elected in accordance with section 10A(8) the functions of the Council to register dentists shall be performed by the Second Interim Council who shall have all the powers and duties vested in the Council for this purpose by the Act and the Regulations made thereunder.

(4) Where before the commencement of the Dental Profession (Amendment) Act, 1999 a dentist has paid the annual practice fee for the year 1999 in accordance with regulation 22(3) of the Dental Regulations such payment shall be deemed to have been made to the Council in accordance with regulation 22 and the Second Interim Council shall issue a practice certificate to the dentist and such certificate shall be valid as if issued by the Council.”.

Passed in the Senate this 2nd day of March, 1999.

N. COX

*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 12th day of March, 1999.

J. SAMPSON-JACENT

*Clerk of the House*