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The Miscellaneous Provisions (2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccination Personnel) Bill, 2021

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BACKGROUND

1. The **Miscellaneous Provisions (2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccination Personnel** [1] (hereinafter referred to as "**the Bill**") will be introduced in the House of Representatives by the Honourable Faris Al-Rawi, Attorney General, on November 12th 2021.

2. The Bill seeks to amend the **Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act, Chap 29:02**[2]; **Pharmacy Board Act, Chap 29:52**[3], **the Nursing Personnel Act, Chap 67:04**[4]; **the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54**[5]**; the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act, Chap 67:04**[6]**; the Professionals Related to Medicine Act, Chap 90:04**[7] to authorise additional personnel to administer *the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccines* under the direction and supervision of medical practitioners.

3. These amendments are in anticipation of the expiration of the period of emergency on November 29th, 2021. Presently, the **Emergency Powers (2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccination) Regulations, 2021**[8] and **Emergency Powers (2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccination) (Amendment) Regulations**[9] make provision for medical and other medical related personnel to administer vaccines. These powers were granted under the Emergency Power Regulations and therefore would only last for the remaining period of public emergency.

[1] http://www.ttparliament.org/publications.php?mid=28
[2] **Chap. 29:02**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.02.pdf
[3] **Chap. 29:52**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.52.pdf
[4] **Chap. 29:53**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.53.pdf
[5] **Chap. 29:54**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.54.pdf
[6] **Chap 67:04**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/67.04.pdf
[7] **Chap. 90:04**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/90.04.pdf
[8] See: ***Legal Notice No. 179***, Part B – Vol 60, No.95 – 12th June,2021
[9] See: ***Legal Notice No. 192***, Part B – Vol 60, No.106 – 09th July,2021

KEY FEATURES OF THE BILL

EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL PERSONNEL ACT, CHAP 29:02[10]

Power to Administer Vaccine

4. **Clause 2 of the Bill** will amend the Act by introducing a new **Section 36A** to allow any person who is registered as an 'Emergency Medical Technician — Paramedic under the Act to administer any approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccine* whilst under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner.

PHARMACY BOARD ACT, CHAP. 29:53[11]

Power to Administer Vaccine

5. **Clause 3 of the Bill** proposes an amendment to the **Pharmacy Board Act, Chap 29:52** by inserting a new **section 42A** to empower Pharmacists to administer any approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccine* under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner

NURSING PERSONNEL ACT, CHAP 29:50[12]

Power to Administer Vaccine

6. **Clause 4 of the Bill** amends the **Nursing Personnel Act Chap 29:50** by inserting a new **Section 51C** to allow all Nursing Personnel to administer any of the approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccines* provided that such Nursing Personnel at the time are acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner i.e. any member of the medical profession registered under the Medical Board Act.[13]

[10] **Chap. 29:02**- https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.02.pdf
[11] **Chap. 29:52-** https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.52.pdf
[12] **Chap. 29:53** - https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.53.pdf
[13] **Chap. 29:50** - https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.50.pdf

DENTAL PROFESSION ACT[14]

Power to Administer Vaccine

7. **Clause 5** of the Bill seeks to amend the **Dental Profession Act, Chap29:54** by inserting a new **Section 44A** to allow a Dentist or any person temporarily registered to practice Dentistry (Dental Interns) under the **Dental Profession Act** to administer any of the approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccines* provided that such persons at the time are acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner i.e. any member of the medical profession registered under the **Medical Board Act**.

VETERINARY SURGEONS (REGISTRATION) ACT, CHAP 67:04[15]

Power to Administer Vaccine

8. **Clause 6** of the Bill amends the **Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act, Chap 67:04** by inserting a new **Section 13A** to allows all Veterinary Surgeons to administer any of the approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccines* provided that such persons at the time are acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner i.e. any member of the medical profession registered under the **Medical Board Act**.

PROFESSIONS RELATED TO MEDICINE ACT, CHAP 90:04[16]

Power to Administer Vaccine

9. **Clause 7** of the Bill proposes an amendment the **Professions related to Medicine Act, Chap 90:04** by inserting a new **Section 20A** which would allow all registered Medical Laboratory Technicians or Radiographers to administer any of the approved *2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccines* provided that such persons at the time are acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner i.e. any member of the medical profession registered under the **Medical Board Act**.

CRITERIA FOR NOVEL CORONA VIRUS VACCINE

10. An amendment is made to each of the aforementioned Acts to establish that a *Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine* is one which is approved by the Minister with responsibility for Health, and upon the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee.

[14] **Chap. 29:54** - https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.54.pdf
[15] **Chap. 67:04** - https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/67.04.pdf
[16] **Chap. 90:04** - https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/90.04.pdf

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  https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/90.04.pdf

LEGISLATION AND LEGAL NOTICES MENTIONED

- **Medical Board Act, Chap. 29:50**
  https://agla.gov.tt/downloads/laws/29.50.pdf
- **Legal Notice No. 179, Part B __ Vol 60, No.95 __ 12th June,2021**
  http://laws.gov.tt/ttdll-web/revision/download/111930?type=amendment
- **Legal Notice No. 192, Part B __ Vol 60, No.106 __ 09th July,2021**
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