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Hon. W. C. Walker.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS REGISTRATION ACT AMENDMENT.

ANALYSIS.

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| <p>Title.</p> <p>1. Short Title.</p> <p>2. Qualifications for registration.</p> <p>3. Registration may be cancelled if proved unqualified.</p> | <p>4. Registration may be suspended or cancelled for crime or misconduct.</p> <p>5. Mode and effect of cancelling or suspending registration.</p> <p>6. Repeal.</p> |
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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to amend the Law relating to the Registration of Medical Practitioners. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act Amendment Act, 1897," and it shall form part of and be read together with "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869" (hereinafter called "the principal Act"). Short Title.

2. Every person of good character, now or hereafter possessed of any one of the following qualifications, shall be entitled to be registered under the principal Act, that is to say:— Qualifications for registration.

15 (1.) Any person who is registered in the Medical Register of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration of the United Kingdom.

(2.) Any person who holds any degree or diploma entitling him to registration in the aforesaid Medical Register.

20 (3.) Any person who holds any other degree or diploma from any university or college entitling him to practise medicine or surgery in the country in which it was granted, and who is admitted *ad eundem gradum* in the New Zealand University: Provided that such degree or diploma was granted after due examination, and after a course of medical study of not less than five years' duration.

25 3. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of a Judge of the Supreme Court that any person registered under the principal Act,— Registration may be cancelled if proved unqualified.

(1.) Has procured himself to be so registered by making any false representation, whether verbally or in writing; or,

30 (2.) When so registered did not in fact possess the necessary qualification entitling him to registration;

the Judge shall order such person's registration to be cancelled.

Registration may be suspended or cancelled for crime or misconduct.

4. Whenever it is proved to the satisfaction of a Judge of the Supreme Court that any person registered under the principal Act,—

- (1.) Has been convicted of any crime or offence punishable by imprisonment for one year or upwards; or,
- (2.) Has been guilty of any misconduct in his profession rendering him unfit to practise the same,—

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the Judge may order such person's registration to be suspended for such period as he thinks fit, or to be cancelled.

Mode and effect of cancelling or suspending registration.

5. With respect to proceedings to cancel or suspend any person's registration, the following provisions shall apply:—

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- (1.) The proceedings shall be by summons to such person to show cause, and may be instituted by the Registrar-General or any other person.
- (2.) The costs of the proceedings shall be in the discretion of the Judge.
- (3.) Upon being served with the Judge's order, the Registrar-General shall make all such alterations or entries in his register, and cause all such alterations or entries to be made in the register of any Registrar as are necessary in order to duly record the cancellation or suspension according to the tenor of the order, and shall also notify the same in the *Gazette*.

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- (4.) During the period for which any person's registration is suspended he shall be deemed to be unregistered, but on the expiration of such period his registration shall be deemed to be restored.

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- (5.) If any person's registration is cancelled, he shall thereupon be deemed to be unregistered, but, except in so far as the Judge otherwise directs, such cancellation shall not affect any subsequent application to be registered.

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- (6.) In and by his order of cancellation the Judge may direct that the person affected thereby shall not be entitled to apply thereafter to be registered, or shall not be so entitled until the expiration of such period as is specified in that behalf in the order.

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Repeal.

6. Sections twelve and twenty-one of the principal Act are hereby repealed.