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I Assent,

Rodney Williams,
Governor-General.

29th October, 2021.

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AN ACT to amend the Medical Practitioners Act, No. 3 of 2009.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Antigua and Barbuda as follows:

1. Short title

This Act may be cited as the Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In this Act—

“principal Act” means the Medical Practitioners Act, No. 3 of 2009.

3. Amendment of section 2 of the Principal Act - Interpretation

The principal Act is amended in section 2 by inserting the following words in the appropriate order:

“accreditation” means a determination by the Board or Authority, as appropriate, that an institution or a programme of study meets the prescribed standard stipulated by the Board or Authority as appropriate;

“Authority” means the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions (CAAM-HP), established pursuant to Article 2 of the Agreement establishing the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and Other Health Professions, signed at Castries, St. Lucia on the 13th day of November 2003;

“award” means a degree, diploma, certificate or other evidence that a prescribed programme of study in medicine has been completed successfully by a person;

“Board” means the Accreditation Board established pursuant to section 3 of the Accreditation Act, No. 4 of 2006;

“institution” means a university, college or body empowered to confer authority to practice medicine by the law of the country or place where it is granted and which in the opinion of the Medical Council is evidence of satisfactory medical training; and

“programme of study in medicine” means a curriculum comprising a series of courses in medical education leading to the granting of an award from an institution.

4. Amendment of section 13 of the principal Act – Registration

The principal Act is amended in section 13 by—

(a) repealing subsection (2) and replacing it as follows:

“(2) For the purpose of subsection (1), a person is qualified and eligible to be registered as a general practitioner in Antigua and Barbuda if that person has been granted an award by an institution which—

- (a) is registered and approved to offer a program of study in medicine in Antigua and Barbuda; and
- (b) has obtained either provisional accreditation of the Board or accreditation of the Authority.”

(b) inserting immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

“(2A) The Medical Council shall apply the standards set from time to time by the Authority and shall maintain a list of accredited institutions and the Chairperson of the Medical Council (or a person nominated by him or her) shall make the necessary investigation to verify and ensure the suitability of any institution before entering that institution in the list of accredited institutions.”

Passed the House of Representatives on
the 9th day of September, 2021.

Passed the Senate on the 21st day of
September, 2021.

Gerald Watt, Q.C.,
Speaker.

Alincia Williams-Grant,
President.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the House of Representatives.

A. Peters,
Clerk to the Senate.