

MEMO FOR CABINET
BY THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

Hon. Ministers are aware that some time ago, after representations by the Medical Association of Malta and in view of the acute shortage of doctors at the time, Government had agreed to amend the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance to enable the Medical Council to issue a temporary licence to those students who produce evidence that they were successful in the final examinations leading to the degree of M.D. This temporary licence would enable these persons to practice the medical profession in Malta some months before they are in possession of the diploma which is usually given on Graduation Day.

Last October a similar amendment was passed in Parliament to enable students who are successful in the final examination leading to B.Pharm to apply for a temporary licence to practise the profession of apothecary.

The Medical Council has now proposed the amendment shown in attached bill to enable the grant of a temporary licence to exercise the profession of dental surgeon or dentist to those students who are successful in the final examinations and who are still not in possession of the diploma by the Royal University of Malta.

Hon. Ministers are asked to agree to the attached proposed amendment, which has been approved and vetted by the Crown Advocate General's office, so as to give the members of the dental profession the same facilities already given to the members of the medical profession and apothecaries.

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A BILL
entitled

AN ACT further to amend the Medical
and Kindred Professions Ordinance, Cap. 51.

BE IT ENACTED by the Queen's most
Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and
consent of the House of Representatives of Malta,
in this present Parliament assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:-

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical and
Kindred Professions (Amendment) Act, 1969, and shall
be read and construed as one with the Medical and
Kindred Professions Ordinance, hereinafter referred
to as "the principal law."

Amendment of
section 59 of
the principal
law.

2. Section 59 of the principal law shall be
amended as follows:

(a) for the words "holds a qualification
in dental surgery granted by the Royal
University of Malta" in paragraph (d) of
subsection (1) thereof there shall be
substituted the words "holds a degree or diploma
in dental surgery of the Royal University of
Malta"; and

(b) for subsection (3) thereof there shall
be substituted the following:

"3. The Governor-General may, with
the advice of the Medical Council, grant a
temporary licence to any person who holds the
qualifications mentioned in paragraphs (a),
(b) and (c) of subsection (1) of this section
and has qualified for the degree referred to
in subsection (d) of the said subsection or to
any foreign dental surgeon or dentist."

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The object of this Bill is to amend
the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance so
as to enable the grant of a temporary licence to
exercise the profession of dental surgeon or
dentist in the same manner as it may be granted
for the exercise of the medical profession or of
the profession of apothecary.