

OBJECTS AND REASONS

This Bill would amend the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act*, Cap. 54, to make provision for the change in the composition of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Board and other related matters.

Arrangement of Sections

Section

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 5 of Cap. 54.
3. Amendment of First Schedule to Cap. 54.

BARBADOS

A Bill entitled

An Act to amend the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act*.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Barbados as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital* Short title.
(Amendment) Act, 2008.

Amendment
of section 5
of Cap. 54.

2. Section 5 of the *Queen Elizabeth Hospital Act*, in this Act referred to as the principal Act, is amended by deleting subsection (4) and substituting the following:

First
Schedule. "(4) The *First Schedule* has the effect with respect to the constitution of the Board and otherwise in relation thereto."

Amendment
of First
Schedule to
Cap. 54.

3. The *First Schedule* to the principal Act is amended

(a) by deleting paragraph 1 and substituting the following:

"Consti-
tution of
Board. 1. (1) The Board shall consist of 13 members who shall be appointed by the Minister by instrument in writing.

(2) The members of the Board to be appointed under sub-paragraph (1) shall comprise

(a) the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health *ex officio* or the nominee of that person;

(b) the Chief Medical Officer *ex officio* or the nominee of that officer; and

(c) persons who possess the qualifications set out in section 5(3) in relation to the following disciplines:

(i) accounting;

(ii) engineering;

(iii) finance;

(iv) human resource management;

(v) industrial relations;

- (vi) information technology;
- (vii) law;
- (viii) management operations;
- (ix) medicine;
- (x) nursing; and
- (xi) paramedical services.

(3) Members of staff of the Hospital shall not be appointed as members of the Board.

(4) The Minister shall appoint the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman from among the members of the Board.

(5) The names of the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the other members of the Board shall be published in the *Official Gazette* within 3 months of an appointment.";

(b) in paragraph 2, by adding immediately after sub-paragraph (4) the following:

"(5) The Minister shall terminate the appointment of a member of the Board where the member

- (a) fails without reasonable excuse to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the Board;
- (b) has become bankrupt or has made an arrangement with his creditors;

- (c) is incapacitated by physical or mental illness;
- (d) engages in fraudulent or other dishonest behaviour or behaviour conflicting with the discharge of his duties as a member of the Board;
or
- (e) is otherwise unfit to discharge the functions of a member of the Board.";

(c) by deleting paragraph 3 and substituting the following:

**"Tempo-
rary
member-
ship.** 3. Where a member of the Board is unable to serve or has been absent for 2 consecutive meetings or more, the Minister may appoint a person who possesses a like qualification to that of the member who has been unable to serve or has been absent, to act temporarily.";

- (d) in paragraph 5, by deleting sub-paragraph (16); and
- (e) in paragraph 7, by deleting the word "5" and substituting the word "7".