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BILL

AN ACT to amend the Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act, Chap. 29:02; Pharmacy Board Act, Chap. 29:52; the Nursing Personnel Act, Chap. 29:53; the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54; the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act, Chap. 67:04; the Professions Related to Medicine Act, Chap. 90:04 to authorise additional personnel to administer 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccines under the direction and supervision of medical practitioners

THE MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS [2019 NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (2019-nCoV) VACCINATION PERSONNEL]
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Explanatory Note

(These notes form no part of the Bill but are intended only to indicate its general purport.)

This Bill seeks to amend the Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act, Chap. 29:02; Pharmacy Board Act, Chap. 29:52; the Nursing Personnel Act, Chap. 29:53; the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54; the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act, Chap. 67:04; the Professions Related to Medicine Act, Chap. 90:04 to authorise additional personnel to administer 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccines under the direction and supervision of medical practitioners.

Clause 1 provides for the short title of the Act.

Clause 2 of the Bill seeks to amend the Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act, Chap. 29:02, by inserting after section 36, a new section 36A to authorise an Emergency Medical Technician—Paramedic registered under the Act to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

Clause 3 of the Bill seeks to amend the Pharmacy Board Act, Chap. 29:52, by inserting after section 42, a new section 42A to authorise pharmacists to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

Clause 4 of the Bill seeks to amend the Nursing Personnel Act, Chap. 29:53, by inserting after section 51B, a new section 51C to authorise nursing personnel to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

Clause 5 of the Bill seeks to amend the Dental Profession Act, Chap. 29:54, by inserting after section 44, a new section 44A to authorise dentists and dental interns to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

Clause 6 of the Bill seeks to amend the Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act, Chap. 67:04, by inserting after section 13, a new section 13A to authorise veterinary surgeons to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

Clause 7 of the Bill seeks to amend the Professions Related to Medicine Act, Chap. 90:04, by inserting after section 20, a new section 20A to authorise Medical Laboratory Technicians and Radiographers to administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine under the direction and supervision of a medical practitioner.

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Enactment	ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as follows:
Short title	1. This Act may be cited as the Miscellaneous Provisions [2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Vaccination Personnel] Act, 2021.
Chap. 29:02 amended	<p>2. The Emergency Ambulance Services and Emergency Medical Personnel Act is amended, by inserting after section 36, the following section:</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">“Power to administer vaccine”</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">36A. (1) A person who is registered as an Emergency Medical Technician—Paramedic under this Act, acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">(2) For the purposes of this section, “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.</p>
Chap. 29:52 amended	<p>3. The Pharmacy Board Act is amended, by inserting after section 42, the following section:</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">“Power to administer vaccine”</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">42A. (1) A pharmacist acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.</p> <p style="margin-left: 2em;">(2) For the purposes of this section, “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.</p>

4. The Nursing Personnel Act is amended, by Chap. 29:53
amended inserting after section 51B, the following section:

“Power to
administer
vaccine 51C. (1) Nursing personnel acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“medical practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Medical Board Act; and “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.

5. The Dental Profession Act is amended, by Chap. 29:54
amended inserting after section 44, the following section:

“Power to
administer
vaccine 44A. (1) A dentist or a person who is temporarily registered to practise dentistry under sections 15 and 16 of this Act, acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“medical practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it in

section 2 of the Medical Board Act; and “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.

Chap. 67:04
amended

6. The Veterinary Surgeons (Registration) Act is amended, by inserting after section 13, the following section:

“Power to
administer
vaccine

13A. (1) A veterinary surgeon acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“medical practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Medical Board Act; and “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.

7. The Professions Related to Medicine Act is Chap. 90:04
amended, by inserting after section 20, the following amended
section:

20A. (1) A Medical Laboratory Technician or Radiographer who is registered under this Act, acting under the direction or supervision of a medical practitioner, may administer a 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“medical practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Medical Board Act; and “2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) vaccine” means a COVID-19 vaccine approved by the Minister with responsibility for health on the recommendation of the Drug Advisory Committee in accordance with paragraph 7, Division 3 of the Second Schedule of the Food and Drugs Regulations.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this day
of , 2021.

Clerk of the House

I confirm the above.

Speaker

Passed in the Senate this day of ,
2021.

Clerk of the Senate

I confirm the above.

President of the Senate

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