

**THE SINDH ALLOPATHIC SYSTEM (PREVENTION OF MISUSE)  
ACT, 2014.**

10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2015.

**AN ACT** to prevent the misuse of the allopathic system of medicine and to provide for matters connected therewith.

**WHEREAS** it is expedient to prevent the misuse of the allopathic system of medicine and to provide for matters connected therewith; **Preamble.**

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sindh Allopathic System (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 2014. **Short title and commencement.**

(2) It shall extend to the whole of the Province of Sindh.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Act, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context - **Definition.**

(i) "Government" means the Government of Sindh;

(ii) "Ordinance" means the Pakistan Medical and Dental Council Ordinance, 1962;

(iii) "registered medical practitioner" means a person registered under the Ordinance.

3. No person practicing the allopathic, homeopathic, ayurvedic, unani or any other system of medicine shall use with his name or address or with the name or address of his business the word "doctor" or any of its grammatical variation, cognate expressions or abbreviations so as to give out that he is entitled to practice medicine unless he is a registered medical practitioner: **Prohibition of the use of the word doctor and its variation, etc.**

Provided that nothing in this section shall apply

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to a person on whom a Doctor's degree other than medical degree has been conferred by any university in or outside Pakistan.

4. No person shall use a medical degree or a medical diploma to give out that he is a qualified medical practitioner or for any purpose connected with medical practice, unless such degree or diploma has been conferred or awarded by a university or institution in or outside the Pakistan recognized under the Ordinance.

**Prohibition of the use of the medical degree or diplomas.**

5. No person other than a registered medical practitioner shall perform any surgical operation other than circumcision, incision of boils and administration of injections.

**Prohibition of performing surgical operations by unqualified persons.**

6. No person other than a registered medical practitioner or a person authorized in this behalf by Government shall prescribe any antibiotic or dangerous drug specified in the rules under this Act.

**Prohibition of prescribing certain drugs.**

7. No person shall sell in the market any patent or proprietary medicine of the unani, ayurvedic, homeopathic or biochemist system of medicine unless there is displayed, in a conspicuous and readily intelligible manner, on the label or container thereof and also on the outer cover of the container (other than ordinary wrapper), the true formula of the medicine contained in it.

**Restriction on the sale of patent and propriety medicines.**

8. Government may, by notification in the official gazette, make rules for carrying out the purposes of this Act.

**Power to make rules.**

9. Whoever contravenes the provisions of this Act shall be punishable with imprisonment which may extend to one year or with fine not exceeding forty five thousand rupees or with both.

**Penalty.**

10. (1) No prosecution shall be instituted under this Act except by an Inspector appointed under the Drugs Act,

**Jurisdiction.**

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1976 (XXIII of 1976) or by a person specially empowered by Government in this behalf.

(2) No Court inferior to that of a Magistrate of the First Class shall try an offence punishable under this Act.

11. No suit or any other legal proceedings shall lie against any Inspector or person acting in good faith under section 10 of this Act. **Protection.**

**STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASON**

In pursuance of the Eighteenth Amendment in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973, the subject "health" is devolved to the Provinces. In order to prevent the misuse of the allopathic system of medicine and allied matters, it is expedient to enact a law in the subject matter at provincial level.

The Bill seeks to achieve the above object.

**MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**