

**THIRD SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR
GAZETTE**

No. 3858 of 16th June, 2011

B. 16/11

**BILL
FOR**

AN ACT to amend the Medical and Health Act, 1997 so as to allow certain persons to prescribe and administer certain drugs.

ENACTED by the Legislature of Gibraltar.

Title and commencement.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical and Health (Amendment) Act 2011 and comes into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment to the Medical and Health Act, 1997.

2. (1) The Medical and Health Act, 1997 shall be amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (k) of section 66 insert—

“(ka) providing that certain nurses who have undertaken approved relevant training may have prescribing rights appropriate to such training in relation to repeat prescriptions for the management of specified chronic diseases where the original therapy has been initiated or is followed by a GHA employed medical practitioner or visiting consultant contracted to provide clinical services;

(kb) providing that optometrists who have undertaken approved relevant training may have prescribing rights appropriate to such training in relation to specified medications;”.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

This Bill amends the Medical and Health Act, 1997 so as to provide the Minister charged with responsibility for health with the power to make regulations allowing certain nurses and optometrists who have undertaken approved relevant training to have certain prescribing rights.

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