

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

ACT

No. 56 of 2026

Date of Assent: 4th June, 2026

An Act to amend the Medicines and Allied Substances Act.

[12th June, 2026

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

Enactment

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Medicines and Allied Substances (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Medicines and Allied Substances Act, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

Short title and commencement
Cap. 299

(2) This Act shall come into operation on the expiry of the term of office, or removal by the Minister, of the members of the Board holding office prior to the enactment of this Act, after which the Minister shall appoint the members of the Board in accordance with this Act.

2. Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by the insertion of the following new definitions in the appropriate places:

Amendment of section 2

“Emoluments Commission” means the Emoluments Commission established under the Constitution; and

Cap.1

“Health Professions Council of Zambia” means the Health Professions Council of Zambia established under the Health Professions Act, 2024.

Act No. 17 of 2024

3. Section 7 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsection (1) and the substitution therefor of the following:

Amendment of section 7

(1) There is constituted a Board of the Authority which consists of the following part-time members appointed by the Minister:

(a) a representative each of the ministries responsible for—

- (i) health;
- (ii) animal health; and
- (iii) commerce;

(b) a representative of the Attorney-General;

(c) a representative of the Health Professions Council of Zambia;

(d) a representative of the Pharmaceutical Society of Zambia;

(e) a representative of the Veterinary Association of Zambia;

(f) a representative of the Zambia Medical Association; and

(g) one other person with knowledge and experience in matters relevant to this Act.

Amendment
of First
Schedule

4. The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended—

(a) in paragraph 3, by the deletion of subparagraph (4) and the substitution therefor of the following:

(4) Seven members shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Board.; and

(b) by the deletion of paragraph 4 and the substitution therefor of the following:

Allowances

4. A member of the Board or any committee of the Board shall be paid allowances that the Emoluments Commission may, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine.
