

**THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS (AMENDMENT)
BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The objects of this Bill is to amend the Health Professions Act, 2024, so as to —

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the Health Professions Council of Zambia; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the forgoing.

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N.A.B. 23, 2026
19th March, 2026

A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Health Professions Act, 2024.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Health Professions (Amendment) Act, 2026, and shall be read as one with the Health Professions Act, 2024, in this Act referred to as the principal Act.

5 (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.

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

15 “non governmental organisation” has the meaning assigned to the words in the Non Governmental Organisations’ Act; and

“Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority” means the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority established under the Medicines and Allied Substances Act;

Enactment

Short title and commencement

Act No. 17 of 2024

Amendment of section 2

Cap. 172

Cap. 299

Amendment
of section 5

3. Section 5 of the principal Act is amended by the deletion of subsections (1) and (2) and the substitution therefor of the following:

- (1) There is constituted the Board of the Council consisting of the following part time members appointed by the Minister: 5
- (a) a representative of the ministry responsible for health;
 - (b) a representative of the Attorney-General;
 - (c) a representative of the Zambia 10 Medicines Regulatory Authority;
 - (d) a representative of an association representing health professionals;
 - (e) a dean of a faculty training health professionals at a recognised private 15 higher education institution;
 - (f) a representative of a non governmental organisation engaged in matters relevant to this Act;
 - (g) one representative from the private 20 sector with knowledge and experience in finance or business management; and
 - (h) two persons from the private sector who are distinguished in the service of 25 the health profession.

(2) The ministries, institutions and organisations referred to in subsection (1) shall nominate their representatives for appointment by the Minister.
