

**THE MEDICINES AND ALLIED SUBSTANCES
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2026**

MEMORANDUM

The object of this Bill is to amend the Medicines and Allied Substances Act, so as to—

- (a) revise the composition of the Board of the Zambia Medicines Regulatory Authority; and
- (b) provide for matters connected with, or incidental to, the foregoing.

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A BILL

ENTITLED

An Act to amend the Medicines and Allied Substances Act.

ENACTED by the Parliament of Zambia

Enactment

5 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

10 (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 definition in the appropriate place:

Amendment of section 2

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

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15 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—

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- (i) health;
 - (ii) animal health; and
 - (iii) commerce;
 - (b) a representative of the Attorney-General;
 - (c) a representative of an organisation representing farmers; 5
 - (d) a representative of the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
 - (e) a representative of an organisation representing consumers;
 - (f) a representative of an organisation engaged in agro-economy and biodiversity; and 10
 - (g) three representatives of non-governmental organisations engaged in biodiversity.
- Amendment of First Schedule
- 4.** The First Schedule to the principal Act is amended—
- (a) in paragraph 3, by the deletion of sub-paragraph (4) and the substitution therefor of the following: 15
 - (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: 20
- 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.
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