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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUBLICATION OF EXPLANATORY SUMMARY OF THE NURSING BILL, 2005

The Minister of Health intends to introduce the Nursing Bill, 2005 in Parliament in 2005. The explanatory summary of the Bill is hereby published in accordance with rule 241 of the Rules of the National Assembly.

The objectives of the Bill are to *inter alia* –

- (a) serve and protect the public in matters involving health services provided by the nursing profession;
- (b) ensure that the Council exercises its powers and discharges its responsibilities in the best interest of the public, and in accordance with national health policy;
- (c) promote the provision of acceptable nursing care to the population;
- (d) regulate the nursing profession and how nurses must conduct themselves in the profession;
- (e) promote the operations and functions of the Council and the registrar;
- (f) promote liaison regarding health standards and standards of nursing education & training;
- (g) ensure that Council advises the Minister on matters affecting the profession; and
- (h) provide for registration of nurses and the keeping of registers.

The Bill, once passed, will repeal the Nursing Act, 1978 (Act 50 of 1978)

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