

CHAPTER 195.

PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

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1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Public Hospital Ordinance. Short title.

2. In this Ordinance— Interpretation.
“hospital” means the hospital as constituted by section 3;
“Superintendent” means the Medical Superintendent appointed under section 8;
“Board” means the Board appointed by the Governor under section 4.

3. The several buildings erected in Road Town in the Island of Tortola now generally known as the “Peebles Hospital” together with all ways, paths, walls, drains, buildings, erections, rights, easements, and appurtenances thereto respectively belonging shall be appropriated by the Government as heretofore to the reception and care of sick persons, and shall hereafter be conducted and managed at the public expense as a hospital for the purposes aforesaid in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of all regulations made under the authority of section 15. Constitution of Hospital.
6/1992.

4. The Governor shall appoint a Board for the proper management of the hospital consisting of not more than six and not less than four persons, of whom any three shall form a quorum. On any one or more vacancies occurring on the Board, he shall fill up the same by fresh appointments from time to time as occasion may require: Appointment of Board.

Provided that the proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by reason of any vacancy which may exist among the members of the Board.

5. The Governor shall from time to time appoint a Chairman from among the members of the Board, and in the Appointment of Chairman of Board.

event of the illness or incapacity of such Chairman shall appoint a member to act as Chairman in his stead:

Provided that if at any meeting of the Board the Chairman or acting Chairman as the case may be shall be absent the Board shall appoint one of their members to preside at such meeting.

Votes.

6. All questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority of votes, and the Chairman or acting Chairman as the case may be shall have an original vote on all questions and a casting vote if the votes are equally divided.

Control by Board.

7. The Board shall, subject to the provisions of this Ordinance and all regulations made thereunder, have the entire control of the hospital and it shall be their duty to see to the proper clothing, care and maintenance of sick persons in the hospital. The Board shall have control of all subordinate officers, employees and servants at the hospital and shall ensure that discipline and good order are maintained, and that all regulations are duly observed:

Provided that the matron, nurses, dispensers and dressers shall be, in respect of their professional duties, under the sole direction and guidance of the Superintendent of the hospital.

Appointment of
Medical
Superintendent.

8. The Chief Medical Officer for the time being of the Territory shall be the Medical Superintendent of the hospital, and shall be responsible for the medical and surgical care and treatment of all persons admitted to the hospital.

Establishment of
dispensary.

9. A dispensary shall be kept at the hospital, and the Superintendent shall ensure that a constant supply of all proper and useful medicines and surgical instruments and appliances are kept and maintained at such dispensary.

Admission of
patients to
hospital.

10. The Superintendent shall have authority to admit to the hospital any person suffering from any disease, sickness or injury which in the opinion of the Superintendent cannot be properly treated elsewhere, upon such terms as to payment and other matters as the Governor in Council shall determine.

Report by
Superintendent.

11. The Superintendent shall submit a report to the Governor on the admission of persons to the hospital and the medical and surgical cases dealt with therein.

12. The Governor may appoint a matron for the management and service of the hospital who shall receive such emoluments as may be determined by the Governor.

Appointment of matron.
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13. The Board may appoint such other officers and such attendants and servants as the Board may think fit for the management and service of the hospital, who shall receive such emoluments as may be determined by the Governor. Such officers, attendants and servants shall be servants of the Board and shall perform such duties as the Board shall from time to time direct. The Board, subject to approval by the Governor, may dismiss such officers, attendants and servants.

Appointment of other officers.
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14. It shall be lawful for the Governor to appoint such persons as he shall think fit to be visitors of the hospital.

Visitors.

15. Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance, the Governor in Council may make regulations with regard to all or any of the following matters, that is to say—

Regulations.

- (a) the powers and duties of the officers and servants of the hospital,
- (b) the functions of visitors,
- (c) admissions to, and discharges from the hospital,
- (d) the lodging, clothing, care and maintenance of the inmates of the hospital,
- (e) the fees and charges to be paid by persons able to pay for their treatment in the hospital,
- (f) the general good order and government of the hospital and every part thereof,

and may attach a penalty which shall not exceed twenty-four dollars to any breach of any such regulation.

16. All actions, suits, complaints, prosecutions and other proceedings by the Board may be commenced and carried on by the Superintendent or by any other person appointed by the Board as the case may be, and all penalties imposed by virtue of this Ordinance shall be recovered and enforced under the provisions of the Magistrate's Code of Procedure Act.

Proceedings how commenced and carried on.

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