



REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
(No. 9 of 1981)

I assent,

N. Tabu
Beretiteenti.
29th Dec, 1981

AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL AND DENTAL
PRACTITIONERS ORDINANCE (CAP. 55) SO AS
TO LEGALISE THE PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL
HEALING METHODS AND PERMIT PRACTITIONERS
TO CHARGE FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Commencement:
29th December, 1981.

MADE by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu and assented to by the
Beretiteenti.

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited as the Medical and Dental
Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1981.

Adds new section
to Cap. 55.

2. The Medical and Dental Practitioners Ordinance is
amended by adding the following new section -

"Kiribati
traditional
healing.

37. Nothing in this Ordinance shall
affect the right of any I-Kiribati to
practise in a responsible manner Kiribati
traditional healing by means of herbal
therapy, bone-setting and massage, and to
demand and recover reasonable charges in
respect of such practice:

Provided that a person so practising
shall not take or use any name, title,
addition or description likely to induce
anyone to believe that he is qualified to
practise medicine or surgery according to
modern scientific methods."

This printed impression has been carefully examined by me
with the Bill which passed the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on
7th December 1981, and is found by me to be a true and
correctly printed copy of the said Bill.

[Signature]
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Clerk to the Maneaba ni
Maungatabu.

I certify that the above Bill was on 7th December 1981 passed by the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on a certificate of urgency under section 68(3)(a) of the Constitution.



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Speaker

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(a) at the Public Office of the Beretitenti on
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Secretary to the Cabinet

(b) at the Maneaba ni Maungatabu on
29th December, 1981



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Clerk to the Maneaba ni
Maungatabu

MEDICAL AND DENTAL PRACTITIONERS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 1981

Explanatory Memorandum

The above Bill is intended to amend the law to put beyond any doubt that practitioners of local traditional healing methods may practise them lawfully, and it also enables them to charge reasonable fees for so doing. The Bill is intended to meet the wishes of the House as expressed in a debate at the May, 1980 Meeting.

The Bill is based upon similar provisions in other countries where traditional healing methods are in use, such as Hong Kong and certain African countries.

The Bill achieves its purpose by adding to the principal Ordinance an additional section 37.

Michael Jennings
Attorney General

LEGAL REPORT

I hereby certify my opinion that none of the provisions of the above Act conflict with the Constitution and that the Beretitenti may properly assent to the Act.

Roger Lawrence Davey
Attorney General
9 December 1981