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MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 2017  
(ACT 45 OF 2017)

MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENTS  
(EXEMPTION) (AMENDMENT)  
ORDER 2018

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 32 of the Massage Establishments Act 2017, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Massage Establishments (Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2018 and comes into operation on 19 May 2018.

**Amendment of paragraph 2**

2. Paragraph 2 of the Massage Establishments (Exemption) Order 2018 (G.N. No. S 97/2018) is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(1) The following premises that are licensed under the Private Hospitals and Medical Clinics Act (Cap. 248) are exempt from the provisions of the Act:

- (a) a clinical laboratory;
- (b) a hospital;
- (c) a maternity home;
- (d) a medical clinic;
- (e) a nursing home.”.

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**Amendment of paragraph 6**

3. Paragraph 6 of the Massage Establishments (Exemption) Order 2018 is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “Any” in sub-paragraph (1) and substituting the words “Subject to sub-paragraph (1A), any”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “(both times inclusive)” in sub-paragraph (1)(d), the words “, or such extended period as the Licensing Officer may allow in any particular case”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (1), the following sub-paragraph:

“(1A) For the purpose of sub-paragraph (1)(d), in allowing an extended period in relation to any premises, the Licensing Officer must consider whether —

- (a) the person carrying on the business of providing massage services at the premises —
  - (i) has been convicted of any offence under the Act or under the repealed Massage Establishments Act (Cap. 173, 2013 Ed.) as in force immediately before 1 March 2018;
  - (ii) has had any offence under the Act compounded under the Massage Establishment (Composition of Offences) Rules 2018 (G.N. No. S 98/2018); and
  - (iii) has had any offence under the revoked Massage Establishments Rules (Cap. 173, R 1) as in force immediately before 1 March 2018 compounded under the revoked

Massage Establishments  
(Composition of Offences)  
Rules 2005 (G.N. No. S 657/2005);  
and

- (b) the carrying on of the business of providing massage services at the premises is likely to cause annoyance or inconvenience to the public or any class of the public.”.

Made on 18 May 2018.

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