

Dentists Act, 1948

Section 46 - EFFECT OF REGISTRATION

1) Any reference in any other law to a person recognised by law as a dentist shall be deemed to be a reference to a dentist registered under this Act. (2) No certificate required by or under any other law from a dentist shall be valid unless the person signing it is registered as a dentist under this Act. (3) After the expiry of 106[three years] from 107[the date appointed under sub-section (2) of section 32-], a person who is not registered in Part A of the 111[State] register of dentists shall not, except with the sanction of 108[the Central Government or the State Government] hold any appointment as dentist in any dispensary, hospital or other institution 109[**] which is supported wholly or partially from public or local funds: Provided that the provisions of this sub-section shall not apply to any such person who is holding such an appointment 110[immediately before the said date.] (4) After the expiry of two years from the publication of a register of dental hygienists in a 111 [State], no person whose name is not entered in that register shall hold appointment as dental hygienist in any dispensary, hospital or other institution in the 111[State], which is supported wholly or partially from public or local funds. (5) Any person who is registered dentist, registered dental hygienist or registered dental mechanic in a 111[State] may practise as such in any other 111[State].

OBJECTS AND REASONS Amendment made in 1950 - "Under the Dentists Act, 1948, which came into force on the 29th March, 1948, no person, who has not been registered in Part A of the register, could hold certain post or practise dentistry after the 28th March, 1950. As the preparation of the first registers under that Act could not be completed within the stipulated period of two years, it became necessary to extend the time limit mentioned in sections 46 (3) and 49 (1) by one year. The Dentists (Extension of time) Ordinance, 1950 (16 of 1950), was promulgated on the 29th May, 1950, to achieve this object and also to validate certain appointments held by non-registered persons. It is necessary to replace the provisions of that Ordinance by an Act of Parliament." - S.O.R. Gaz.. of Ind., 1950. Pt. II-S. 2. page 302.