

President and Members

Parliamentary Committee on Health

August 28, 2019

Subject: Proposed Changes to the bill entitled "LAW WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF QUALIFIED DIRECTORS AND FOR BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS AND FOR RELATED TOPICS »

Honourable Members,

The Cyprus Biological Society (CBS), as the responsible scientific society representing the Biological Scientists of Cyprus, wishes to air its views on the provisions of this Bill. More particularly, we are deeply concerned with Provision 10 (b) on the "Qualifications of a qualified biomedical laboratory director". The current provision is problematic as there are no recognised University Hospitals in the Republic of Cyprus thus making this provision impossible for Cyprus. Alternatively, it requires a five-year internship abroad only. The existing provisions, if they remain unchanged, virtually exclude Biological Scientists and we ask that this be changed.

We propose the following change so that qualified Biological Citizens of the Republic of Cyprus, regardless of their financial situation and other factors, will be able to obtain this five-year internship in their country, as provided for in the case of Biomedicine Laboratory Scientists, in the same bill.

Existing Provision:

10 (b) an internship of a total duration of at least five (5) years in a biomedical laboratory of a recognised university hospital comprising at least one (1) year of internship in each field for which the Registry will be updated and accompanied by a folder of professional training documentation prepared by a recognised university hospital.

Suggested Change:

10 (b) an internship of a total duration of at least five (5) years at a biomedical laboratory ~~of a recognised university hospital~~, comprising at least one (1) year of internship in each field for which the Registry will be updated and accompanied by a folder of professional training documentation ~~prepared by the recognised university hospital~~.

Final Text:

10 (b) an internship of a total duration of at least five (5) years at a biomedical laboratory comprising at least one (1) year of internship in each field for which the Registry will be updated and accompanied by a folder of professional training documentation.

We consider the above amendment to the bill to be necessary and we ask you take it into account before adopting that bill.

We remain at your disposal for any clarification or submission of views.

Yours' sincerely

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PS. We kindly ask you to communicate to all Members of the Parliamentary Committee on Health before discussing and voting on this bill.