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The Hypnosis Act

1.—(1) The Minister of Health shall administer and enforce this Act and he may designate any officer of the Department of Health or any medical officer of health or he may appoint any legally qualified medical practitioner for the purpose of making any investigation or inquiry necessary therefor.

(2) Any person designated or appointed under subsection 1 has all the powers of a medical officer of health under The Public Health Act. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 1.

2. Subject to section 3, no person shall hypnotize or attempt to hypnotize another person. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 2.

3. Section 2 does not apply to,

(a) any legally qualified medical practitioner using hypnosis in the practice of his profession;

(b) any dentist registered under The Dentistry Act using hypnosis in the practice of his profession;

(c) any psychologist registered under The Psychologists Registration Act using hypnosis in the practice of his profession on the request of, or in association with, a legally qualified medical practitioner;

(d) any bona fide student registered in a course leading to qualification in one of the professions mentioned in this section practising hypnosis for the purpose of study under the instruction and supervision of a legally qualified medical practitioner, a dentist registered under The Dentistry Act or a psychologist registered under The Psychologists Registration Act; or

(e) any member of any class of persons designated by the regulations made under this Act. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 3.

4. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations designating classes of persons to whom section 2 does not apply and prescribing the terms, conditions and circumstances under which members of any designated class may use hypnosis. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 4.
5. Every person who contravenes any of the provisions of this Act is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable for the first offence to a fine of not less than $100 and not more than $1,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or to both, and for any subsequent offence to a fine of not less than $200 and not more than $2,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than nine months, or to both. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 5.

6. Every prosecution under this Act shall be commenced within one year from the date of the alleged offence. 1960-61, c. 38, s. 6.