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Leasuithe Amendments

SECTION 6

1. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) Notwithstanding any other part of this section, the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall not:

(a) include any provision to restrict the criticism of the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health;

(b) impose an obligation upon any general practitioner to limit criticism of the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health;

(c) require any general practitioner to notify the the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health in advance of making a public statement;

(d) require any general practitioner to receive prior approval from the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health, for any public statement they wish to make;

(e) require any general practitioner to dilute their natural rights to freedom of expression implicit in article 40.3.1, of Bunreacht na hÉireann and explicit in article 10.1 in the European Convention on Human Rights.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

2. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall not include greater specification of the services to be provided by any general practitioner than is included in the GMS contract.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

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3. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall not require any general practitioner to perform annual, or otherwise periodic assessments of patients who are healthy.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

4. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall be of continuous duration, modelled on the GMS contract, and shall not be a temporary contract between the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health, and any general practitioner.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

5. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) No part of the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall set minimum requirements for practice premises.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

6. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) No part of the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall require any general practitioner to share any patient's medical information with anyone other than a medically trained professional for the specific purpose of enabling the appropriate medical treatment for that patient.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

7. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall not be restrictive in terms of who might enter into it, excepting that they are a registered general practitioner who has a high competency in the English language, and that the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) might be terminated only where the Irish Medical Council fitness to practice committee has found that the general practitioner is no longer fit to practice, or where the general practitioner voluntarily decides to no longer be party to the agreement.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

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8. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall require the Health Service Executive, or the Department of Health, to provide locum replacements, for the purpose of treating patients, when the general practitioner is required to do activities required by the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) which are not directly related to patient care.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

9. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) No part of the agreement, referred to in subsection (1) shall require the general practitioner to prescribe a particular treatment regime to any patient.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*

10. In page 7, between lines 10 and 11, to insert the following:

“6. To amend section 58C of the Act of 1970 by inserting the following new subsection:

“(13) The agreement, referred to in subsection (1) may facilitate the modernisation of diagnostic services on a national basis including the instigation of pilot schemes, but may not require any general practitioner to be included in such a scheme.”.

—*Senator John Crown.*