

LAW No. 04/L-150 FOR THE CHAMBERS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo;

Based on Article 65 (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of Kosovo,

approves

LAW ON CHAMBERS OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Purpose

With this law, the Chambers of health professionals are established as independent professional organizations that carry out public activities, the membership of the Chambers, the competences of the Chambers, the organization and operation of the Chambers, the keeping of the register of the members of the Chambers, the bodies of the Chambers, the disciplinary responsibility of the members of the Chambers are regulated. Chambers, funding sources of the Chambers and other issues important for the work and functioning of the Chambers.

Article 2

1. Chambers of health professionals in the Republic of Kosovo are independent organizations that protect and present the professional interests of its members, ensure the high standards of the code of ethics and medical deontology, promote and protect the activity of health professionals in public health institutions and private, ensure continuous professional education in order to provide the highest quality health services and other services related to health care.

2. For the exercise of this mission and responsibilities, the following are formed:

- 2.1. Chamber of doctors;
- 2.2. Chamber of dentists;
- 2.3. Chamber of pharmacists;
- 2.4. Chamber of physiotherapists, and;
- 2.5. Chamber of nurses, midwives and other health professionals.

Article 3

The purpose of establishing the Chambers of health professionals

1. Chambers of health professionals (hereinafter: Chambers) will be established in order to:

- 1.1. give health professionals professional independence;
- 1.2. provide self-governing professional organizations;
- 1.3. contribute to improving the quality of health care in general;

- 1.4. create the conditions for practicing the profession of doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and midwives, physiotherapists and other health professionals;
- 1.5. protect their professional, social and economic interests;
- 1.6. provide consultation, information and other services to members;
- 1.7. promote high standards of professional conduct;
- 1.8. promote patients' interests in health care;
- 1.9. carry out facilitations for the exercise of professional activities;
- 1.10. promote and protect the activities of health professionals in public and private health institutions;
- 1.11. develop and implement postgraduate specialist education programs and processes to ensure high quality of health services and other services related to health care;
- 1.12. promote and carry out continuous professional development and long-term learning processes;
- 1.13. organize participation in the improvement and implementation of health care and the protection of the interests of patients in the exercise of their right to health care;
- 1.14. participate in the creation of health principles and the development of health care and provide advice to those considered responsible for the formulation of health principles and their implementation.

Article 4 Definitions

1. The expressions used in this law have the following meaning:
 - 1.1. **Government** - Government of the Republic of Kosovo;
 - 1.2. **Ministry** - Ministry of Health;
 - 1.3. **Citizen** - a person with citizenship of the Republic of Kosovo according to the Law on Citizenship of Kosovo, or a person qualified as a refugee in accordance with the law;
 - 1.4. **The user of health services** - the person who uses the services health;
 - 1.5. **Health Financing Agency (HAF)** - the executive agency of the Ministry that, on behalf of the state, realizes the rights, obligations, responsibilities and authorizations in relation to contracting, purchasing health care services from health institutions in all forms of ownership, as well as collecting all financial means for this purpose.
 - 1.6. **List of herbs and consumables** - List of medical products and spending materials that are covered by the Government and co-payments of citizens;
 - 1.7. **List of health care services** - List of forms and types of health care services covered by the Government and co-payments (including the List of medical products and consumables) which is compiled by the technical committee appointed by the Ministry.
 - 1.8. **Health professional** - worker who provides health services;

1.9. **Graduate** - person who has completed basic university studies;

1.10. **Specialist** - the professional qualification acquired during postgraduate specialist education, carried out in the Republic of Kosovo or abroad, which is recognized and certified in accordance with this law;

1.11. **Sub-specialist** - narrow professional qualification acquired during post-specialist education in the Republic of Kosovo or abroad, which is recognized and certified by the authorized or recognized body in accordance with this law;

1.12. **Health worker** - a person who has not completed formal medical education, who is employed in a health institution for the purpose of performing health activities;

1.13. **Health care** - measures and actions taken by organizations, institutions and health professionals, whose primary purpose is the improvement of health of citizens and residents;

1.14. **Professional service** - the administrative and professional organization of health institutions within a specialized field, which aims to ensure the continuity of health care at all levels of the organization of health care services;

1.15. **Health institution** - institution established by a legal or natural person that provides health care services, based on the license issued in accordance with this law;

1.16. **Professional confidentiality** - the preservation of data on the health status of the user of health services from access to them by unauthorized persons.

Article 5

Legal status of Chambers

1. Chambers are independent professional organizations that exercise public activity and have the status of a legal entity, with rights and duties defined by this law, by-laws, other relevant legislation and the Statute of Chambers.

2. Chambers will have their headquarters in Pristina and will not have branch offices.

3. Each Chamber will act in its own name and will be responsible for its obligations with all its assets.

4. Chambers will adopt statutes for organization and internal functioning, representation, powers and responsibilities, rights and obligations of members, basic provisions for elections and appointments, financial matters, disciplinary responsibilities and other matters important for their functioning.

Article 6

Attributes of Chambers

Each Chamber should have its own seal, symbols and other attributes making them publicly known. The attributes will be further defined in their statutes.

Article 7

1. The activity of the Chambers is transparent.

2. The transparency of the work of the Chambers is ensured in harmony with this law, with other laws and the statute of Chamber.

CHAPTER II
ODA MEMBERSHIP

Article 8

1. Membership in the Chamber is mandatory for all doctors of medicine, doctors of dentistry, graduate pharmacists, graduate nurses, graduate midwives, graduate physiotherapists, senior graduate specialist pathologists, radiologists, psychologists, and other health professionals with medium and high qualification defined in the official register of the ministry who exercise their health activity in the Republic of Kosovo.

2. Membership in the Chamber is also mandatory for health professionals from paragraph 1. of this article who exercise their activity in conditions of social protection, other institutions of state bodies, in faculties, namely in professional schools, in medical clinics of work as well as in all other circumstances where the health activity is exercised in accordance with the laws in force.

CHAPTER III
COMPETENCES OF CHAMBERS

Article 9

Public powers of Chambers

1. The public powers of the Chamber are:

- 1.1. approves the code of professional ethics (code of ethics);
- 1.2. registers and maintains the register of health professionals and associates and maintains the register of all health institutions;
- 1.3. issuing licenses, re-licensing and revoking them;
- 1.4. the implementation of professional supervision with the engagement of experts in the relevant fields;
- 1.5. cooperation with state and local bodies that address health issues and cooperation with other professional associations in the country and abroad;
- 1.6. exercise professional and legal supervision over the work of health professionals;
- 1.7. verifies the legality of the specialization process, organizes the specialist exam, organizes and supervises the sub-specializations;
- 1.8. plan, implement continuing professional education;
- 1.9. mediates in disputes between members of the Chamber and users of health services;
- 1.10. organizes the honor trials in connection with the determination of violations and professional obligations of the members of the Chambers and pronounces disciplinary measures;
- 1.11. determines the amount of the membership fee of the members of the Chambers;
- 1.12. determines the amount of the tax for licensing, re-licensing, and other permits for exercising professional activity based on legal authorizations;

1.13. issues identification cards and identification numbers for Chamber members;

1.14. at the request of Chamber members, issues certificates, attestations and other documents based on the Chamber's official records.

Article 10

Other powers of Chambers

1. In addition to the public authorizations from Article 9 of this law, the Chambers also perform the following tasks:

1.1. represents and protects the professional interests of the members of the Chamber in the exercise of the profession;

1.2. takes care of preserving the authority of the members of the Chambers in the exercise of professional work in accordance with professional ethics;

1.3. keeps the records of the members of the Chambers who exercise the health activity and who are registered in the register of the competent body in accordance with the law;

1.4. cooperation with state and local bodies that address health issues and cooperation with other professional associations in the country and abroad;

1.5. cooperation in the preparation of laws, documents and other by-laws in the health sector as well as the supervision of their implementation;

1.6. proposing and initiating procedures for issuing general and special acts in accordance with the law, the statute and other acts of the Chamber;

1.7. cooperation in determining the price of health services and pharmaceutical services, in cooperation with the health insurance fund and users of health services;

1.8. cooperation in determining the prices of medicinal products in cooperation with other responsible institutions;

1.9. cooperation in the compilation of plans for continuous professional education for all health professionals;

1.10. the implementation of scientific and research activities in accordance with the duties and responsibilities of the Chamber;

1.11. representing the professional and social interests of health professionals and other collaborators;

1.12. consulting, providing assistance and representing the interests of members in the field of legislation as well as other issues related to the field of health;

1.13. participation in decision-making in concluding contracts with the health insurance fund;

1.14. creation and management of the Chamber's fund;

1.15. cooperation with relevant institutions in the prevention of illegal health activity;

1.16. preparation and release of forms and documents as well as magazines, books and other publications;

1.17. promotion of cooperation between members of the Chamber;

1.18. promotion and implementation of cultural and social activities of members, organization of cultural, sports and other social events;

1.19. the appointment of representatives of the Chamber in agreement with the institutions of all levels of health care;

1.20. the development of other activities in accordance with the law, the statute and other general acts of the Chamber.

CHAPTER IV REGISTRATION OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Article 11

1. Chambers of health professionals in accordance with this law keep the following registers of the Chamber:

1.1. the register of all Chamber members;

1.2. the register of issued and revoked licenses;

1.3. the register of disciplinary measures imposed on Chamber members.

Article 12

1. The competent bodies of the Chambers of health professionals within fifteen (15) days from the day of submission of the request by health professionals with a decision to allow registration in the health professional register.

2. The decision from paragraph 1. of this article can be appealed to the competent body within fifteen (15) days from the day the decision is issued.

Article 13

The members of the Chambers of health professionals are obliged to present to the competent body of the Chamber any changes important for registration from Article 11 of this law as well as other facts of important within the competence of the Chamber no later than thirty (30) days from the day of information about changes or new facts.

Article 14

The registers from Article 11 of this law are public documents.

Article 15

Chambers with special acts determine the way of registration, evidence and maintenance of registers, the content of registers as well as the form of documents, certifications and other acts of the Chamber based on official evidence.

HEAD V ORGANS OF THE CHAMBERS

Article 16

1. The bodies of the Chambers are:

1.1. Assembly;

1.2. President of the Chamber;

- 1.3. Management Council;
 - 1.4. Supervisory Council for Budget and Finance;
 - 1.5. Ethics Council;
 - 1.6. Honor trial;
 - 1.7. Prosecutor of the Chamber;
 - 1.8. The permanent committees of the Chamber.
2. Members of the assembly of Chambers are elected for a term of four (4) years.
 3. The members of the assembly of Chambers can be re-elected after the expiration of the mandate for a term of four (4) years.
 4. The authorizations, powers and way of working of the bodies from paragraph 1. of this article shall be regulated by statute.

Article 17

The President of the Chamber, the vice-presidents, the members of the governing council and the general secretary cannot be elected and appointed persons in other public and political positions, except for professional medical and teaching positions.

Article 18

The bodies from Article 11 of this law in their composition must ensure the equal representation of all levels of functional and professional organization.

Article 19

Powers of the Assembly

1. The Assembly is the highest body of the Chamber, which has the following responsibilities and authorizations:
 - 1.1. approves, amends and completes the statute and other normative acts;
 - 1.2. approves the code of professional ethics;
 - 1.3. approves the work program of the Chamber;
 - 1.4. approves the work regulations of the Chamber;
 - 1.5. elects and dismisses the chairman;
 - 1.6. approves and dismisses the members of the governing council of the Chamber;
 - 1.7. elects and dismisses the chairman, deputy chairman and members of the ethical council;
 - 1.8. elects and dismisses the chairman and members of the supervisory council;
 - 1.9. elects and dismisses the president and members of the court of honor;
 - 1.10. elects and dismisses the prosecutor of the Chamber;
 - 1.11. elects and dismisses the chairman and members of the Chamber's permanent committees;
 - 1.12. determines the level of membership for members of the Chamber;

1.13. determines the amount of compensation (tax) for members of the Chamber, the tax for licensing and relicensing as well as the amount of the tax for issuing certificates, attestations and other documents for which the Chamber keeps official evidence;

1.14. examines and approves the work reports of the Chamber's bodies;

1.15. approves the financial report and the final account of the Chamber;

1.16. takes a decision to dismiss the assembly of the Chamber and announces early elections;

1.17. examines and takes principled positions on issues important to the work of the Chamber;

1.18. performs other tasks foreseen by the statute of the Chamber.

Article 20

The President of the Chamber

1. Duties and responsibilities of the president of the Chamber:

1.1. represents the Chamber and acts on its behalf;

1.2. invites and conducts the sessions of the assembly;

1.3. exercises all powers, which are not explicitly given to the Assembly of the Chamber;

1.4. executes the acts of the assembly of the Chamber;

1.5. proposes to the Assembly of the Chamber the appointment and dismissal of his/her deputies.

1.6. organizes the work and directs the policy of the Chamber;

1.7. proposes regulations or other acts for approval in the Chamber assembly;

1.8. reports to the Assembly of the Chamber on the economic and financial situation of the Chamber, at least one once a year or whenever required by the assembly of the Chamber;

1.9. performs other activities assigned by statute.

2. In case of absence, the chairman of the Chamber is replaced by one of the deputies of the chairman of the Chamber.

Article 21

The governing council of the Chamber

1. The governing council of the Chamber:

1.1. is responsible for the implementation of the Chamber's decisions;

1.2. determines the proposal of the statute and other acts of the Chamber;

1.3. proposes to the assembly the members of the bodies of the Chamber;

1.4. monitors and harmonizes the work of the Chamber's bodies;

1.5. determines the proposal of the work program of the Chamber;

1.6. proposes to state bodies measures for the protection and advancement of health protection and health insurance;

1.7. determines the financial plan of the Chamber and takes care of its implementation;

1.8. approves periodic financial accounts;

1.9. appoints and dismisses the general secretary of the Chambers;

1.10. examines and approves the periodic work reports of the Chambers in the areas for which it is responsible;

1.11. approves the regulation on the organization and systematization of the work of the professional service of the Chamber and takes measures to ensure the legality and efficiency of the work of professional service;

1.12. decides in the second instance according to complaints from the labor relationship of the Chamber's professional service workers;

1.13. performs other tasks provided for by the statute of the Chamber.

Article 22

1. The governing council of the Chamber has eleven (11) members, of which one (1) member is from the non-majority community and one (1) member from other communities.

2. The chairman and vice-chairmen of the Chamber are ex officio members of the governing council.

3. Five (5) members of the governing council are elected by the assembly of the Chamber from among its members, while three (3) members of the management council are delegated by the Ministry of Health.

4. The manner of work of the governing council is regulated in more detail by statute.

5. The General Secretary of the Chamber is always invited to the meetings of the Governing Council.

6. The General Secretary of the Chamber does not have the right to vote, but has the right to propose items on the agenda and their supporting documents.

Article 23

Supervisory Council of the Chamber

1. Supervisory Council of the Chamber:

1.1. supervise and monitor the financial affairs of the Chamber;

1.2. monitor and supervise the realization of the rights and obligations of the members of the Chamber;

1.3. supervise and monitor the work of the Chamber's professional service;

1.4. proposes to the governing council the taking of measures and actions in cases where it assesses that there are legal violations and acts approved by the Chamber assembly;

1.5. performs other tasks provided by the statute and other acts of the Chamber.

2. The Supervisory Council of the Chamber consists of seven (7) members.

3. The chairman, deputy chairman and three (3) other members of the council are elected by the Chamber assembly from among its own members, while two (2) members are delegated by the Ministry of Health.

4. The Supervisory Council of the Chamber is responsible for its work to the Assembly of the Chamber.

Article 24

Ethics Council

1. The ethical council:

- 1.1. oversee the implementation of the code of medical ethics and deontology;
- 1.2. provides ethical-moral and deontological leadership and promotes the principles and principles of professional ethics;
- 1.3. takes appropriate measures in case of violation of the code of ethics and medical deontology;
- 1.4. accepts and examines complaints from citizens;
- 1.5. gives opinions and evaluations for the work of Chamber members in accordance with the code of professional ethics;
- 1.6. offers support to citizens in realizing the right to quality of services, type and content of services;
- 1.7. performs other tasks foreseen by the statute of the Chamber as well as by special acts of the Chamber.
- 1.8. the ethical council has five (5) members;
 - 1.8.1. The chairman, deputy chairman and two (2) other members of the ethical council are elected by the Chamber's assembly from among its members, while one (1) member is delegated by the Ministry of Health.

CHAPTER VI DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

Article 25

1. The ethical council is a first-level body that initiates the procedure for determining the responsibility of health professionals for violations of this law, the statute of the Chamber and the code of medical ethics and, depending on the violations found, pronounces the following disciplinary measures:

- 1.1. peer recommendation;
- 1.2. apology to the patient;
- 1.3. public rebuke or rebuke;
- 1.4. additional and compulsory postgraduate education and training;
- 1.5. compulsory treatment from alcohol, drugs and other addictions;
- 1.6. temporary or permanent withdrawal of the license and/or deletion of the health professional from the register;
- 1.7. penalty of one thousand (1,000) to three thousand (3,000) Euros for any violation of the law, professional and ethical duties.

Article 26

1. In the procedure before the Ethical Council of the Chamber, the provisions of the Law on administrative procedure are applied, regarding the summoning of the parties, the provision of evidence, the hearing of the parties, the preparation of minutes and other procedures.

2. The member of the Chamber against whom the disciplinary procedure has been initiated must be given the opportunity to declare and defend himself before the ethical council.

3. In the procedure of questioning the members of the Chamber and evaluating the evidence in the procedure disciplinary proceedings before the ethical council, minutes are kept.

4. According to the appeal against the decision of the ethical council, the court of honor decides.

Article 27

The initiation of the procedure before the Court of Honor for the determination of the Chamber member's violations from subsections 1.4., 1.5., 1.6., and 1.7. of paragraph 1. of article 25 of this law cannot begin after the expiration of one (1) year from the day of the professional violation and the violation of honor of the Chamber member.

CHAPTER VII THE TRIAL OF HONOR

Article 28

1. The court of honor has (5) five members, the President, his deputy and three (3) members elected by the Chamber assembly.
2. One (1) member and his deputy are proposed by the Judicial Council of Kosovo.

Article 29

The Court of Honor also decides on the complaints of members, citizens and irregularities in the process of elections of Chamber bodies.

Article 30

Regarding the final decision with which the disciplinary measure was imposed from subsections 1.4., 1.5., 1.6., and 1.7. of paragraph 1. of article 25 of this law, health professionals can appeal to the court of honor of health professionals.

CHAPTER VIII THE PROSECUTOR OF THE CHAMBER

Article 31

The Prosecutor of the Chamber is an independent body for the initiation of proceedings against members of the Chamber against whom there is a well-founded suspicion that they have violated the law, the statute and the code of medical ethics.

Article 32

Violation cases from Article 25 of this law can be reported by: the Chamber of Health Professionals, the Ministry of Health, Associations of Health Professionals, Health Institutions, the Health Insurance Fund, the State Prosecutor's Office, members of the Chamber and the injured party.

Article 33

1. The Prosecutor and his deputy are elected by the Assembly of the Chamber from among the members of the Chamber.
2. The Prosecutor of the Chamber is responsible for his work to the Assembly of the Chamber.

CHAPTER IX PERMANENT COMMITTEES OF THE CHAMBER

Article 34

Chambers of health professionals have permanent and temporary committees. The members of the committees of the Chamber Assemblies are elected by the Chamber Assembly from among the members of the Chamber.

Article 35

1. The permanent committees of the Chamber are:

- 1.1. Commission for ethical issues;
- 1.2. Commission for Licensing of Health Professionals;
- 1.3. Commission for specialized education;
- 1.4. Commission for continuing professional education;
- 1.5. Budget and Finance Committee;
- 1.6. Solidarity and mutual aid commission.

Article 36

The composition and scope of the commission from Article 35 of this law are determined by the statute and other normative acts of the Chamber.

Article 37

1. The Assembly of the Chamber may form other temporary committees as needed.
2. With the decision on the formation of the temporary commission, the Assembly of the Chamber determines the composition and scope of the temporary commission.

CHAPTER X SOURCES OF FINANCING OF THE CHAMBER

Article 38

1. The means for the establishment and operation of the Chamber are provided by:

- 1.1. The budget of the Republic of Kosovo for the transitional phase of three (3) years;
- 1.2. the means realized according to article 39 of this law, for the first three (3) years from the entry into force of this law, are poured into the budget of the Republic of Kosovo.

Article 39

1. Chambers of health professionals realize their own income from:

- 1.1. membership;
- 1.2. fees for licensing and re-licensing as well as the amount of the fee for issuing certificates, attestations and other documents for which the Chamber keeps official records;
- 1.3. gifts and other donations as well as other income in accordance with the law.

Article 40

1. Members of the Chamber have the obligation to regularly pay the membership, compensation for registration, licensing and other administrative services in accordance with the law and other normative acts of the Chamber.

2. In case of failure to fulfill these obligations, the bodies of the Chamber take disciplinary measures against its members.

Article 41

1. The funds of the Chamber are transferred to the turnover account of the Chamber and are managed as follows:

1.1. for the first three (3) transitional years from the entry into force of this law, the means are provided by the Budget of the Ministry of Health in accordance with the Law on the Management of Public Finances and Responsibilities.

1.2. the anticipated revenues for the financing of the Chamber according to Article 39 of this law begin to be implemented with the establishment of the Chamber in accordance with this law and for the first three (3) years are poured into the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo. The funds collected in the third year are kept in the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo as funds allocated to the Chamber according to the Law on the Management of Public Finances and Responsibilities, which are transferred to the Chamber's turnover account at the beginning of the fourth year for the purpose of the Chamber's operation.

1.3. after the third year, the Chamber is self-financed according to the manner provided by this law.

2. The Chamber has its own account opened by the Treasury.

3. The President of the Chamber is the financial manager of the Chamber.

4. The chamber is responsible for its work with all the property it has.

Article 42

The Chamber opens a separate account, manages the funds dedicated to the solidarity and mutual aid fund of Chamber members.

CHAPTER XI TRANSPARENCY OF THE WORK OF THE CHAMBERS

Article 43

1. Chambers of health professionals are obliged to announce their opinion on important issues from the scope of the Chambers.

2. Chambers have the obligation to notify the competent prosecution bodies, the competent judicial bodies and the relevant Ministry of Health for the disciplinary procedure that is conducted against Chamber members by Chamber bodies as well as the licensing, re-licensing and license revocation procedure if it is suspected that in these procedures there is a well-founded suspicion that a criminal offense has been committed.

3. Chambers have the obligation to make available all the facts and information they possess, upon the request of the bodies from paragraph 2. of this article.

Article 44

Chambers cooperate with educational institutions of the health profile, health institutions, associations of health professionals, health insurance funds regarding issues important to the work of the Chamber and the health protection of citizens.

CHAPTER XII SUPERVISION OF THE WORK OF THE CHAMBER

Article 45

1. The supervision of the legality of the work of the Chamber in the exercise of public functions from Article 9 of this law was done by the Ministry of Health.

2. In the exercise of supervision from paragraph 1. of this article, the Ministry of Health may request reports and information on certain issues from the bodies of the Chamber.

3. Chambers are obliged to provide the reports and information from paragraph 2. of this article to the Ministry of Health within thirty (30) days from the day of the request, or to inform about the reasons for which it is not possible to send within the required deadline.

4. Chambers are obliged to send the annual report for the previous year to the Ministry of Health by March 31 of the following year.

Article 46

1. For the financing of activities and financial reports of the Chamber, the rules of financial business and accounting must be applied in accordance with the laws of Kosovo.

2. Chambers of professionals that use the means of the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo and other public means, must implement the provisions of the Law on the Management of Public Finances and Responsibilities and the Law on Public Procurement in the Republic of Kosovo. The used funds are audited by the Office of the Auditor General in accordance with the legislation in force.

CHAPTER XIII GENERAL ACTS OF THE CHAMBER

Article 47

1. Chambers approve the statute and other general acts in accordance with the statute.

2. The Statute of the Chamber is the highest act of the Chamber which, in accordance with this law, most closely regulates the issues:

2.1. the work and responsibilities of the Chambers within the framework of legal authorizations;

2.2. the manner of exercising the work of the Chambers;

2.3. the internal organization of Chambers;

2.4. composition of Chamber bodies;

2.5. the method and procedure of election in the bodies of Chambers;

2.6. powers of Chamber bodies;

2.7. the number of members of Chamber bodies;

2.8. the manner and procedure of election, revocation and dismissal of members in the bodies of Chambers;

2.9. the way, the procedure of the proposal, appointment and proposal of the president of the Chambers;

2.10. the composition and election of Chamber members;

2.11. light and serious violations of the professional duties and authority of the Chambers;

2.12. the procedure for initiating and determining the responsibility of the member of the Chambers;

2.13. the procedure before the ethical council of the Chamber, the court of honor, the imposition of punitive measures and the way of carrying out the imposed measures, the deadlines for the initiation of the procedure as well as other important issues related to the responsibility of the members of the Chambers;

2.14. the organization of the Chamber's professional service and other important issues for the operation of the Chamber's service;

2.15. regulates other issues that are not in conflict with this law.

Article 48

The Statute of the Chamber is approved and can be changed by a vote of at least two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Assembly of the Chamber.

Article 49

1. The Statute of the Chamber, after approval by the Chambers according to articles 47 and 48, is sent to the Ministry of Health for approval.

2. In case the Ministry responsible for health does not declare within thirty (30) days about the draft statute, it is considered to have agreed with this draft statute.

Article 50

1. The Chambers also issue other general acts within the legal powers of the Chambers.

2. The procedure for approving the general acts of the Chambers is determined by the statute of the Chambers.

Article 51

1. The Assembly of the Chamber approves the code of ethics which more directly regulates the ethical principles in the exercise of the professional activity of the members of the Chamber.

2. The ethical code defines and regulates the relations between the members of the Chamber and the users of health services as well as the mutual relations between the members of the Chamber.

CHAPTER XIV PROFESSIONAL ROOM SERVICE

Article 52 Competencies

1. The Administrative Office, based on the agreement between the respective Chambers of health professionals, carries out the following activities:

1.1. the exercise of administrative and professional duties such as:

1.1.1. registration, licensing and authorization of health professionals and health associates who are not members of the Chambers;

1.1.2. maintaining the register of health professionals;

1.1.3. other activities that the Chambers can delegate to the Administrative Office;

1.1.4. also exercises other administrative duties from article 9 and 10 of this law;

1.1.5. these tasks must be performed on the basis of the contract for services between the Chambers and the Administrative Office.

Article 53

Initial funding and personnel transfer

1. The Ministry of Health will provide initial funds in order to start the work of the Administrative Office and will provide payment for the exercise of public duties delegated to the Chambers as provided by law.
2. The Ministry of Health will transfer their administrative personnel for the performance of public duties, according to an agreement between the Ministry of Health and the Chambers.
3. The Administrative Office will accept the agreed number of personnel who have worked so far in the Ministry of Health.

Article 54

Contract of public services and administrative inspection

1. The respective health chambers will agree for each future year on:
 - 1.1. planning of services to be performed in the next year;
 - 1.2. compensation is made in proportion to the volume of services;
 - 1.3. other rights and duties of the contracting parties.
2. The contract will be signed no later than the end of December for the following year.
3. For the first year, the contract must be signed before the Administrative Office starts exercising public duties.
4. The administrative inspection of the Chambers and the Administrative Office is done by decision of the Minister of Health. Administrative inspection can only be undertaken with matters related to the exercise of delegated public duties.

Article 55

Other service contracts

The Administrative Office will perform services and other tasks on behalf of the Chambers based on service contracts.

Article 56

Responsibility, accountability and reporting

1. The Administrative Office will be fully responsible for the quality of work and performance for contracting parties and beneficiaries of their services.
2. The Administrative Office reports to the Chambers. It will manage the finances allocated by the Chambers in a transparent manner for each Chamber separately.
3. For the exercise of public duties, the Administrative Office will report in accordance with the founding acts, statute and service contracts. It will report to the Chambers, at least every three (3) months, and for each year, until the end of January for the previous year.

CHAPTER XV

GENERAL SECRETARY

Article 57

1. The Administrative Office will be led by the General Secretary, elected by public competition.

2. The general secretary performs the tasks assigned to him by the Chamber.
3. The general secretary of the Chamber is elected by the governing council on the basis of a public competition.

**CHAPTER XVI
PENAL PROVISIONS**

Article 58

1. The Chamber will be fined in the amount of five thousand (5,000) to ten thousand (10,000) Euros for the following misdemeanors:

- 1.1. if it rejects the registration of a health professional who meets the conditions for registration of members of the Chamber, namely if it registers a health professional who does not meet the legal conditions (subparagraph 1.2 of article 9. of this law);
- 1.2. if, at the request of the health worker or the authorized legal person, he does not issue certificates and certifications for which the Chamber keeps the official evidence (subparagraph 1.14. of article 9 of this law);
- 1.3. in case of illegal licensing, re-licensing and license revocation contrary to the law.

**CHAPTER XVII
TRANSITIONAL AND FINAL PROVISIONS**

Article 59

1. The Ministry of Health within fifteen (15) days from the day of approval of this law must form the councils for the preparation, constitution and start of work of the Chambers.
2. The councils, within fifteen (15) days from the day of appointment, will prepare and approve statutory decisions (Temporary Statutes) which determine important issues for the constitution of Chamber bodies, the manner and procedure of electing members of Chambers.
3. The councils of the Chamber will take a decision on the announcement of elections within fifteen (15) days from the day of approval of the statutory decisions.
4. The procedures for candidacy and election of the members of the bodies of the Chambers will be done within a period of forty-five (45) days from paragraph 3. of this article.
5. The constitution of the bodies of the Chambers will be done no later than thirty (30) days from the day of the election of the members of the Assembly of the Chamber from paragraph 4. of this article.
6. Chambers of health professionals will start functioning within four (4) months from the day of approval of the law.
7. Chambers are obliged to approve the statutes and other general acts of the Chamber no later than thirty (30) days from the day of constitution of the Chamber's bodies.
8. The Chambers will start exercising public functions, after the approval of the statute, in accordance with this law, no later than six (6) months from the day of the constitution of the Chamber assemblies.
9. In the transitional period of three (3) years, all acts of the Chambers related to the exercise of public authorizations are also signed by the Minister of Health

Article 60
Entry into force

This law enters into force fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Kosovo.

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