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SECTION 56 CLASS EXEMPTION FOR A PERSON IN CHARGE OF A HOSPITAL

Pursuant to section 56 of the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* (CDSA), for medical purposes, a person in charge of a hospital is exempt from section 64 of the *Benzodiazepines and Other Targeted Substances Regulations* (hereafter referred to as the Targeted Substances Regulations) with respect to benzodiazepines ordered pursuant to a prescription or other authorization of a podiatrist granted an exemption under section 56 of the CDSA and practising in the hospital.

In respect of this exemption,

Benzodiazepines means substances listed under Item 18, Schedule IV, of the CDSA and listed under Item 1, Part 1, Schedule 1 of Targeted Substances Regulations.

Podiatrist means, a person who is registered and entitled under the laws of a province to practice in that province the profession of podiatry and to prescribe or administer benzodiazepines.

This exemption gives authority to a person in charge of a hospital to permit a benzodiazepine to be sold, provided or administered to a patient under treatment as an in-patient or an out-patient of the hospital pursuant to a prescription or other authorization of a podiatrist granted an exemption under section 56 of the CDSA and practising in the hospital.

This exemption will remain in effect until revoked.

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