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THE ASSAM YOGA COUNCIL BILL, 2017

A
BILL

to provide for the development of the Yoga and to regulate the teaching and practice thereof in the State of Assam and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Preamble

Whereas it is expedient to provide for the development of the Yoga and to regulate the teaching and practice thereof in the State of Assam and matters connected therewith or incidental thereto;

It is hereby enacted in the Sixty-eighth Year of the Republic of India, as follows:-

Short title, extent and commencement

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Assam Yoga Council Act, 2017.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Assam.
- (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Definitions

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,-
 - (a) "Accreditation" means the recognition granted to educational institutions and hospitals to signify the attainment of an acceptable level of professional expertise, academic quality and integrity;
 - (b) "competent authority" means the Assam Yoga Council, which shall grant registration and accreditation under this Act and the rules made hereunder and shall have the authority to conduct inspections and evaluation visits for the purpose;
 - (c) "Council" means the Assam Yoga Council constituted under section 3;
 - (d) "Hospital" means a Yoga and Naturopathy Hospital with minimum of ten in-patient beds and an out-patient department;
 - (e) "Institution" means ,-
 - (i) Medical College conducting the Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS) Course and Post-graduate Courses in Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences;
 - (ii) Yoga based treatment institution; and
 - (iii) Research institute on Yoga;
 - (f) "member" means a member of the Council;
 - (g) "Practitioner" means a person who practices Yoga as his principal occupation;
 - (h) "prescribed" means prescribed by rules made under this Act;
 - (i) "President" means the President of the Council;
 - (j) "register" means the Register of Yoga practitioners maintained under this Act;
 - (k) "Registered Yoga practitioner" means a Yoga practitioner registered under the provisions of this Act and the rules made thereunder;

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