



**COMMITTEE RECORD OF PROCEEDING**  
**MEETING 126-19-22 OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 AT 12:00 P.M.**  
**COMMITTEE ROOM 'A' AND TELECONFERENCE**

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Chair Cleveland called the meeting to order at 11:59 a.m.

Committee Members in attendance: Bonnetrouge, Nokleby, Semmler, Weyallon Armstrong.

1. Prayer delivered by Chair Cleveland.
2. MLA Nokleby moved the adoption of the Agenda as amended. Carried.
3. There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.
4. Public Matters
  - a) Public Hearing on Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*
  - b) Clause-by-clause review of Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act* with the Hon. Julie Green, Minister of Health and Social Services.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 2 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting paragraphs (a) to (d) and substituting the following:**
  - (a) by striking out the period at the end of the English version of the definition "undergraduate student" and substituting a semicolon; and
  - (b) by repealing the definition "medical practitioner" and adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

"medical practitioner" means a person who (a) holds a licence or temporary permit, or (b) is entitled to practice virtual care under section 31.1 or 31.2;  
(médecin)

"nurse practitioner" means a nurse practitioner as defined in section 1 of the Nursing Profession Act; (infirmière praticienne ou infirmier praticien)

"virtual care" means practicing medicine through electronic communication where the medical practitioner and the patient are not in the same location. (soins virtuels)

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 3 and 4 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting clause 3 and 4.**

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 9 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting proposed clauses 31.1, 31.2, 31.3, 31.4 and 31.5 and the heading preceding proposed clause 31.1;**
- b) **by deleting that portion of proposed clause 31.6 preceding paragraph (a) and substituting the following:**

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31.1. A person may, without being registered in the Medical Register or the Temporary Register and without a licence or temporary permit, practice virtual care from a province or another territory if the person

- c) **by deleting proposed clauses 31.7 and 31.8 and substituting the following:**  
31.2. (1) The Minister may enter into an agreement with the government of a province or another territory or with another body or entity responsible for the regulation of the medical profession in a province or another territory, authorizing a person or class of persons to practice virtual care from the province or other territory without being registered in the Medical Register or the Temporary Register

A person may, without being registered in the Medical Register or the Temporary Register and without a licence or temporary permit, practice virtual care in accordance with an agreement made under subsection (1).

31.3. Except as may be otherwise permitted by the Committee, having regard for the nature of the offence or the circumstances under which it was committed, no person shall practice virtual care under section 31.1 or

31.2 if the person has been convicted of an offence under this Act or an indictable offence under the Criminal Code.

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 12 to 19 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting clause 12 to 19.**

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 20 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting proposed paragraphs 81(1)(b.1) and (b.2) and substituting the following:**

(b.1) is entitled to practice virtual care under section 31.1 or 31.2; or

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 21 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting clause 21 and substituting the following:**

21. That portion of subsection 82(1) preceding paragraph (a) is repealed and the following is substituted:

82. (1) A person shall not, unless they hold a licence, temporary permit or are entitled to practice virtual care under section 31.1 or 31.2,

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 22 of Bill 40 be amended:

- a) **by deleting proposed paragraphs 83(b.1) and (b.2) and substituting the following:**

(b.1) is entitled to practice virtual care under section 31.1 or 31.2; or

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 23 of Bill 40 be amended:

a) **by deleting clause 23.**

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that clause 24 of Bill 40 be amended:

a) **by deleting and the following substituted:**

24. Section 94 is amended by adding the following after paragraph (m):

(m.1) establishing or adopting standards of practice, codes of ethics, continuing competency programs and the nature of those programs, and scope of practice frameworks and guidelines;

Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that Bill 40 be amended:

a) **be amended by adding the following after clause 24:**

24.1. Section 94 is renumbered as subsection 94(1) and the following is added after that renumbered subsection:

(2) Before recommending that regulations be made under paragraph (1)(m.1), the Minister shall consult with the Northwest Territories Medical Association.

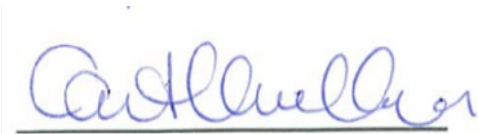
Carried. The Minister concurred with the amendment.

MLA Nokleby moved that Bill 40: *An Act to Amend the Medical Profession Act*, is now ready for consideration in Committee of the Whole as amended. Carried

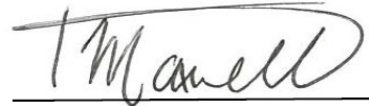
5. MLA Nokleby moved that Committee move in-Camera for the following items. Carried. Committee moved in camera at 12:23 p.m.
  - a) Wrap-up Discussion

MLA Nokleby moved that Committee conclude in-camera matters. Carried. Committee concluded in-camera matters at 12:30 p.m.

6. Committee set its next meeting: At the Call of the Chair
7. MLA Semmler moved to adjourn the meeting. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.



Caitlin Cleveland  
Committee Chair



Taylor Maxwell  
Committee Clerk