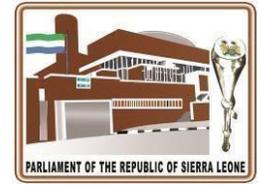




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PARLIAMENT PASSES THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ACT 2021

The Parliament of Sierra Leone has on Tuesday 14th December 2021 enacted into law with some amendments the Bill entitled: "The Allied Health Professionals Act,2021", which was earlier debated intensively and committed to the Legislative Committee for further scrutiny.

The Bill was seeking to provide for the establishment of the Allied Health Professionals Council, to provide for the regulation, including the registration of Allied Health Professions and Allied Health facilities, and to provide for other related matters.

The Bill was presented by the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation, Dr. Augustine Anthony Sandi.

Earlier, the Deputy Minister of Health and Sanitation recalled that the Bill was introduced and passed into law by the previous Parliament under a private member's motion, but former president Koroma refused to sign it into law given additional consultations and inputs by stakeholders.

The Minister also said that the intention of the Bill was to effectively monitor the health profession, conduct a regular health sectors check and inspect medical training institutions for sustainability.

Earlier, MPs had deliberated intensively on the Bill and acknowledged its significance towards the improvement of the health sector.

Earlier, the Deputy Speaker of Parliament and Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, Hon. Segepoh Solomon Thomas has today 14/12/2021 laid the following papers in Parliament:

1. "Auditor-General's Report on the Accounts of Sierra Leone 2020 and
2. Auditor-General's Report on the Audit of the Sierra Leone Embassies and High Commissions in Africa for the Period January 2011 to December 2020"

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