

A BILL

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An Act to amend the Care Centres Act 1993.

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ENACTED by the Parliament of Malaysia as follows:

Short title and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Care Centres (Amendment) Act 2017.

(2) This Act comes into operation on a date to be appointed by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette*.

Amendment of section 2

2. The Care Centres Act 1993 [Act 506], which is referred to as the “principal Act” in this Act, is amended in section 2 in the definition of “resident”, by inserting after the word “person” the words “below the age of sixty years”.

Amendment of section 3

3. Section 3 of the principal Act is amended—

(a) in paragraph (e), by deleting the word “or” at the end of that paragraph;

- (b) in paragraph (f), by substituting for the full stop at the end of that paragraph the words “; or”; and
- (c) by inserting after paragraph (f) the following paragraph:

“(g) any private aged healthcare facilities and services licensed under the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 2017 [Act].”.

New section 11B

4. The principal Act is amended by inserting after section 11A the following section:

“Person sixty years of age and above may be admitted

11B. An operator of a registered care centre may admit any person who is sixty years of age and above as a person received for care at the registered care centre and such admittance shall be based on the criteria as may be prescribed by the Minister upon consultation with the Minister charged with the responsibility for the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 2017.”.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

This Bill seeks to amend the Care Centres Act 1993 (“Act 506”).

2. *Clause 1* contains the short title of the proposed Act and empowers the Minister to appoint the date of coming into operation of the Act.
3. *Clause 2* seeks to amend section 2 of Act 506 to amend the definition of “resident” to exclude the care of persons sixty years of age and above who would be catered for under the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 2017 [Act].
4. *Clause 3* seeks to amend section 3 of Act 506 to provide that Act 506 shall not apply to any private aged healthcare facilities and services licensed under the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 2017.

5. *Clause 4* seeks to introduce a new section 11B into Act 506 to allow an operator of a registered care centre to admit persons sixty years of age and above as persons received for care at the registered care centre and such admittance shall be based on the criteria as may be prescribed by the Minister. The new section 11B corresponds with section 43 of the Private Aged Healthcare Facilities and Services Act 2017 to allow flexibility of care based on the criteria prescribed by the Minister for instance to cater for spouses to receive care at the same facility which would not be possible due to the specified age limit if not for the arrangement under the new section 11B.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This Bill will not involve the Government in any extra financial expenditure.

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