

**TITLE 5: (HERBALISTS, FETISH PRIESTS, TRADITIONAL MEDICINE PRACTITIONERS)**

**Permit**

A Herbalist, Fetish priest or a traditional Medicine practitioner shall not practice within the area of authority of the Assembly unless He or She;

- (1) Registers with the Ghana Psychic and Traditional Healing Association.
- (2) A prospective applicant with relevant documents shall obtain a license from Assembly and comply with the conditions which the Assembly has set out under this By-law and any other conditions that may become necessary and pay the relevant charges as stated in the fee fixing resolution.
- (3) The B.D.A shall grant a license after a satisfactory inspection report of the premises.

**(1) Duration of Permit**

A permit issued under this bye law shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year in which it was issued.

**(2) Sanitary Conditions of Herbalist's premises**

A Herbalist shall:-

- (2.1) Keep his premises and surroundings clean;
- (2.2) Remove all filth from the premises from time to time and as often as may be necessary to maintain the premises in a state of cleanliness.
- (2.3) Keep his stock under hygienic conditions;
- (2.4) Take all reasonable precautions in cases of infectious and contagious diseases; and
- (2.5) Refer cases beyond his competence to a hospital with reasonable dispatch.

**(3) Inspection of premises**

- (3.1) An officer from the Assembly authorized shall enter and inspect the sanitary conditions of a Herbalist's premises periodically.
  - (3.2) The said officer shall make unannounced visits to the premises of the Herbalist for purposes of enforcing this By-Law.
  - (3.3) The said officer may request the Herbalist to produce a license issued by the Assembly for inspection.
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(3.4) The Assembly may in a year in conjunction with the Traditional Healers Association and the Foods and Drugs Authority organize seminars for Herbalists on the need to keep clean surroundings and better health practices.

#### **(4) Revocation**

The Assembly shall revoke the permit of a Herbalist under the following conditions;

(4.1) Where a Herbalist is convicted on two or more occasions of an offence involving dishonest or improper conduct as a herbalist.

(4.2) Where the Herbalist repeatedly fails to keep and maintain good sanitary conditions in his premises.

#### **(5) Restoration**

A herbalist whose permit is revoked by virtue of this By-law shall apply for a restoration of the permit after satisfying conditions imposed by the Assembly in accordance with advice from the Environmental Health Department of the Bosomtwe District Assembly.

#### **(6) Penalty**

(6.1) A person who breaches any of this By-law shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of between ***100-150 penalty units*** payable to Bosomtwe District Assembly or in default to a term of imprisonment between six and nine months or to both.

(6.2) For each day that the commission of the offence continues after notification of conviction, a further one penalty unit shall be imposed on the offender.

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