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We, King ABDULLAH Bin AL-HUSSEIN The Second, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, in accordance with number 1 in the article (94) of the Constitution, and depending on the decisions of the Council of Ministers dated on 9/4/2002, we approved in accordance with the article(31) of the Constitution the following Temporal Law and so ordered to issue and pronounce it and include it with the current Temporal Laws and add it to the Laws of the country in order to be shown and submitted to the council of the state in its next meeting.

Temporal Law (21) of 2002 The Law of the Jordanian Nursing Council and its amendments

Article 1:

- This Law shall be hereby known as the law of the Jordanian Nursing Council and shall be in effect upon publishing it in the official gazette.

Article 2:

- Words and expression used in this Law shall have the following meanings unless the context gives a different meaning:-
 - The Council: The Jordanian Nursing Council.
 - The Chairman: The chairman of the Council
 - The General Secretary: The General Secretary of the Council.
 - Profession: The Nursing & Midwifery Profession.

Article 3:

- There shall exist in the Kingdom a Council known as the "Jordanian Nursing Council"

- The Council shall have its own financial and administrative entity. In that capacity it can own liquid and non- liquid assets necessary to accomplish its mission. It can also enter into all legal undertakings inclusive of signing of contracts; borrowing, accepting assistance, gifts, donations and wills. It shall also have the right of being represented in courts by the Attorney General or any other Advocate it chooses to appoint.

Article 4:

-The Council aims at developing the nursing profession to meet its requirement, which ensures public protection and improves the health status of the Jordanians by regulating the profession and developing it scientifically and practically in compliance with the current rules and laws including:

- 1- Participation in the planning of the national Health strategy and the implementation of the plans and programs designed for the nursing profession.
- 2- Human Resource development in nursing to upgrade the level of nursing performance based on current practice and knowledge.
- 3- Supporting Scientific Research to enhance the development of the nursing profession

Article 5:

- The Council consists of the Chairman being appointed by Royal Decree and the membership of the following:

- 1- Minister of Health/ Deputy Chairman.
- 2- Secretary General.
- 3- Secretary General of Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- 4- Secretary General of Ministry of Planning and International Affairs.
- 5- Deans of Nursing Faculties, Public Jordanian Universities.
- 6- Dean of Faculty of Nursing, from only one private University to be chosen respectively between private Universities based on the decision of the Chairman
- 7- Director of Nursing Department at the Ministry of Health
- 8- Director of Nursing Department at the Royal Medical Services
- 9- President of the Jordanian Nursing Association

- 10-Director of Nursing in one Teaching Hospital to be chosen respectively for a period of two years by the decision of the president
- 11- The Chairman of Private Hospitals Society
- 12-Two highly qualified experts in nursing to be appointed by the Chairman for a period of two years
- 13- Community representative/ one person to be appointed by the Chairman for a period of two years.

Article 6

A- To achieve its goals, the Council will take charge of the following responsibilities and authorities:

- 1- Developing an organizational strategy for nursing development.
- 2- Suggesting policies for nursing education and identifying the different levels of nursing education that is consistent with the policies of higher education.
- 3- Suggesting standards for hospital accreditation for training of nurses with coordination with the MOH.
- 4- Developing nursing standards to improve the profession of nursing and its practice.
- 5- Suggesting the basic conditions to continuous learning (education) and acknowledging the nursing specialized certifications in accordance with the Law.
- 6- Coordinate with national & international nursing organizations around the world.
- 7- Suggesting ideas and advice for health and the health sector development in Jordan whenever required.
- 8- Establishing human resources development programs to strengthen the capabilities of technical skills of nursing including the managerial and administrative skills of Jordanian nurses
- 9- Cooperating and coordinating with the specialized institutions to support scientific research in the field of health and nursing.
- 10- Approving the training programs and developing the rules and regulations to monitor the preparation and certification of practicing nurses in the country.
 - a- Conduct nursing exams
 - b- Provide related certificates
 - c- Determine fees for exams.

- 11- Approving the annual budget and supervising its executions.
- 12- Discussing and approving the final annual report and budget.
- 13- Establishing specialized nursing committees to improve the different areas of the profession and identify its terms of reference.
- 14- Approving agreements and contracts that are carried out with other parties and delegating someone to sign them.
- 15- Appointing an external auditor to audit the expenses of the Council.
- 16- Other authorities that has relation to the task of the council.

B- The JNC forms necessary committees in order to accomplish its tasks and duties, and specifies the responsibilities and duties for each committee with the amount of financial incentives that is going to be paid, according to standards set by the JNC and approved by the Council of Ministers.

C- The President of the Council represents it for others and might delegate this in writing to any Board Members or the Secretary General.

Article 7

A- The Chairman or his deputy shall call for the meeting of the council. The meeting shall take place every two months and according to need. The meeting shall be legal if the two thirds of the members are present including the chairman or deputy chairman. Decision of the Council shall be taken by majority vote of all members.

B- The President appoints Secretary of the Council to follow up on the meetings of the Council, keeps its records and takes down the notes and follow up and execute its decisions.

C- The Council calls upon persons with expertise to attend the meeting and consult with them in specific issues without having the right to vote and the Council issues necessary incentives to them.

Article 8

The Council includes a General Congress which consists of:-

1- General Secretary: who shall be appointed by the Council of Ministers based on the recommendation of the Chairman of the Council. Salary and financial rights of the General Secretary shall be included in the appointment letter. Terminating of the General Secretary will follow the same manner of the appointment procedure.

Article 9

The General Secretary is entitled to the following authorities & duties:-

- 1- Execute the decisions of the Council.
- 2- Supervise the Executive Council and prepare the organizational structure.
- 3- Develop the work system of the Council and provide recommendations for this purpose.
 - 4- Follow up on financial, administrative and professional issues & prepare the periodic & annual reports and present it to the council.
 - 5- Sign on behalf of the Council the matter delegated to him by the Council.
- 6- Develop the necessary records for organizing JNC Budget according to principles set.
 - 6- Prepare the annual budget & present it in the board meeting for approval.
 - 7- Prepare the annual reports on the work & expenditure the council and the end –of-year financial statement of council.
- 9- Suggest the required regulations for the work of the Council
- 10- Any other duties requested by the president or the board according to circumstances.

Article 10

Financial resources for the Council are:-

- 1- Allocations in the Government Budget.
- 2- Contribution of RMS, Ministry of Health & Public Universities. Fees are to be determined by the Council in coordination with these institutions.
- 3- Any contribution from the Jordanian nursing and midwife Association, Private Universities and Private Hospitals.
- 4- Fees that come from training course, exams, issuing certifications and documents according to the rules issued by the Council for this purpose.
- 5- Financial returns on documents published or released by the Council.
- 6- Any returns on activities carried out by the Council.

7- Donations, gifts and wills on the condition that approval for the acceptance is secured from the Council of Ministers if the sources of such donations, gifts and will is non- Jordanian.

Article 11

A- The Council shall have the same exemptions, and facilities enjoyed by the government institutions.

B- The Assets of the council are considered general governmental assets and as such, shall be obtained according to the existing rules of government assets.

Article 12

1- The council has its independent budget and starts at the first day of January and finishes at 31st day of December of the same year.

2- The financial statement of the council is audited according to accredited international standards.

Article 13

The Council of Ministers issues the required by- Laws necessary for the application of this Law including:-

- Nursing Practice Act.
- Clinical Ladder.
- Personnel, administrative affairs as well as Finance and supplies.

Article 13

The Prime Minister and Ministers are directed to apply the articles of this Law.

