MEGHALAYA ACT 1 OF 1994 THE MEGHALAYA NURSING HOMES (LICENSING AND REGISTRATION) ACT 1993.

(As passed by the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly) (Received the assent of the Governor on 29th January, 1994) (Published in the *Gazette of Meghalaya* Extra-ordinary Issue, dated 31st January, 1994).

An Act

to regulate the setting up of private Hospitals, Nursing Homes and other centres catering to diagnostic, investigative and other health care services.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Meghalaya in the Forty-fourth Year of the Republic of India as Follows:-

Short title, extent, commencement and application.

- 1. (1) This Act may be called the Meghalaya Nursing Homes (Licensing and Registration) Act, 1993.
 - (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Meghalaya.
 - (3) It shall come into force on such date as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.
 - (4) It shall apply to all Nursing Homes other than Nursing Homes setup by the Central Government or the Government of any State.

Definitions

- 2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires-
 - (a) 'Act' means the Meghalaya Nursing Homes (Licensing and Registration) Act, 1993;
 - (b) 'Authority' means the Meghalaya Licensing and Registering Authority constituted under section 4;
 - (c) 'Licence' means a licence referred to in section 8;
 - (d) 'Prescribed' means prescribed by rules;
 - (e) 'Rules' means rules made under this Act;
 - (f) 'Section' means a section of the Act;
 - (g) 'State Government' means the Government of the State of Meghalaya.

3.For the purpose of this Act the term 'Nursing Home' shall include-

- (a) a general hospital, a maternity hospital and a dispensary;
- (b) an institution or centre by whatever name called where physically or mentally sick, in jured or infirm persons are admitted either as in-patients or out-patients for treatment with or without the aid of operative procedures; and

Meaning of the term 'Nursing Home'.