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AN ACT TO AMEND THE GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM LAWS OF 2001 TO 2020

Preamble. BECAUSE shipping is one of the most important pillars of the economy of the Republic,

AND BECAUSE, the maritime profession has particularities in relation to other professions,

AND BECAUSE, the great majority of sailors who serve on ships under the Cypriot flag are not permanent residents of the Republic,

AND WHEREAS, seafarers during their service are often required to change work environment, ship, employer and country of work,

AND BECAUSE, due to the constantly changing work environment and their non-permanent residence in the Republic, it is not possible to receive the services of the General Health System,

For all the above reasons, the House of Representatives votes as follows:

Short title.
89(I) of
2001 134(I) of
2002 101(I) of
2004 62(I) of
2005 74(I) of
2017 25(I) of
2020.

1. This Law shall be referred to as the General Health System (Amendment) Law of 2022 and shall be read together with the General Health System Laws of 2001 to 2020 (hereinafter referred to as "the principal law") and the principal law and this Law shall be referred to together as the General Health System Laws of 2001 to 2022.

Amendment
of Article 2 of
the Basic Law.

2. Article 2 of the basic law is amended as follows:

(a) By replacing paragraph (a) of the definition of the term "remuneration" with the following paragraph:

59(I) of 2010
114(I) of 2010
126(I) of 2011
2(I) of 2012
37(I) of 2012
170(I) of 2012
193(I) of 2012
106(I) of 2014
194(I) of 2014
176(I) of 2015
1(I) of 2017
52(I) of 2017
115(I) of 2017
132(I) of 2018
126(I) of 2019
194(I) of 2020
88(I) of 2021
101(I) of 2021
168(I) of 2021
44(I) of 2022
81(I) of 2022
150(I) of 2022.

"(a) in relation to an employee, has the meaning assigned to this term by the Social Insurance Law, excluding the wages of seamen who are not permanent residents of the Republic:

Provided that, for the purposes of this Law, seafarers workers in inland navigation are also counted;"

- (b) by replacing at the end of the definition of the term "income" the semicolon with a comma and adding, immediately after, the following text:

"excluding any lump sum or gratuity paid to employees in the public, wider public and private sectors, from Provident Funds, Schemes or Pension Funds, as well as any income derived from the sources specified in paragraph (b) of subsections (1) and (2) of article 5, respectively, of the Income Tax Law in relation to hired services of non-resident sailors of the Republic:

Provided that, for the purposes of this Law, workers in inland navigation are also considered seafarers;" and

- (c) by inserting, in appropriate alphabetical order, the following new term and definition of this:

""seafarer" means a person who works in any capacity on a ship, including the master;"