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The object of the Bill is to enable the Government to make provision for the better control of the spread of infectious diseases in the case of the small or isolated communities under the Bill. The Bill is intended to be a measure of general application and is not intended to be a measure of special application to any particular community.

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No. , 1958.

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[MR. SHEAHAN;—16 September, 1958.]

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Short title
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citation.

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10 “Council” means a council as defined by section four
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tion of persons against an infectious disease
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an infectious disease for the purposes of this
section.

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25 (3) A council and any legally qualified medical
practitioner whether acting for or on behalf of a council
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(b)

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shall for the purpose of the examination be treated
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reference in relation to the examination of such
other an inferior person.

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