

Bill No. 37 of 1945.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT

NOTE.

Section 1 of this Bill introduces a new definition of "local authority". The new definition is required because the administration of indigent relief in improvement districts has been transferred from the Department of Municipal Affairs to the Department of Public Welfare. The definition also clarifies the position of special areas, which are administered by the Department of Lands and Mines.

Section 2 of the Bill strikes out subsection (1) of section 3 and substitutes a new subsection. The subsection struck out authorizes the payment of a per diem allowance of not more than fifty cents for each person treated or admitted to a hospital. The new subsection gives authority to fix the allowance without reference to any particular amount and also gives authority to the Lieutenant Governor in Council to exclude certain classes of persons hospitalized in estimating the allowance payable.

The amendment made by section 3 of the Bill is made necessary so as to limit the authority of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to cities, towns, villages, municipal districts and improvement districts for purposes of indigent relief being under the Department of Public Welfare as above pointed out.

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(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.

(Assented to _____, 1945.)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 2 by striking out paragraph (e) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“(e) ‘Local authority means’ the council of any city, town, village or municipal district, and with respect to any improvement district means the Minister of Public Welfare, and with respect to any special area means the Minister of Lands and Mines;”.

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 3 by striking out subsection (1) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

“**3.**—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may pay to any approved hospital which has filed with the Department the returns hereinafter provided for a per diem allowance in respect of each person admitted to the hospital or treated therein, except in respect of any persons or classes of persons who may be excluded by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council from the operation of this section.

“(1a) The amount of the per diem allowance shall be such amount as may be fixed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.”

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 10 by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

“**10.** In the event of the council of any city, town, village or municipal district falling to make provisions for its indigent sick residents as herein provided, the Minister of Municipal Affairs may make such provision and may recover the cost thereof from the local authority as a debt due to the Crown.”

4. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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