Bill No. 27 of 1949.

A BILL TO AMEND THE MATERNITY HOSPITALIZATION ACT

NOTE.

This Bill amends The Maternity Hospitalization Act, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1944.

Section 5 of the Act is amended. Under section 5 a woman is entitled to free maternity hospitalization if she has been a resident of the Province for twelve months out of the twenty-four months immediately preceding her admission, and is a resident at the time of her admission. Many cases have arisen where a man, who is a resident of the Province, marries a woman who is not a resident of the Province. If a child is born before the woman has resided in the Province for twelve consecutive months the husband will have to pay for her hospitalization, notwithstanding that he himself has resided within the Province all his life. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the scope of the free maternity hospitalization to cover such cases.

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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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No. 27 of 1949.

An Act to amend The Maternity Hospitalization Act.

(Assented to , 1949.)

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

1. The Maternity Hospitalization Act, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1944, is hereby amended as to section 5,—

- (a) by adding immediately after paragraph (a) the following paragraph:
 - "(b) who is residing in the Province at the time of her admission to a hospital under the provisions of this Act, and whose hospitalization is not the responsibility of the Dominion Government, and whose husband is a resident of the Province;";
- (b) by relettering paragraph (b) as paragraph (c);
- (c) by striking out the words "paragraph (a)", where the same occur in paragraph (b), now relettered as paragraph (c), and by substituting the words "paragraphs (a) or (b)".

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

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