

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 2 (e) which defines the term "local authority" is amended. The former reference to the Minister of Lands and Mines has been taken out and the Minister of Municipal Affairs has been substituted. This change is necessary because the administration of special areas has now been transferred from the Department of Lands and Mines to the Department of Municipal Affairs. It is also amended to define the Minister of Public Welfare as the local authority with respect to any transient person.

Section 5 (3) is amended by striking out Rule 3 and substituting a new draft of Rule 3. Rule 3 is one of the rules for determining residence of persons applying for material aid or hospitalization, etc. Rule 3 determines who qualifies as a transient person for purposes of hospitalization. Rule 3 in this Act is amended to correspond exactly with the equivalent rule in the three Municipal Acts. Any person who has not resided for twelve months out of the twenty-four immediately preceding months within a municipality is deemed to be a transient for whom the Minister of Public Welfare is deemed to be responsible.

Section 5 (5) is amended. This section provides that the local authority is liable to pay a hospital for the treatment of indigent sick residents of that local authority in cases of sudden and urgent necessity if the hospital notifies the local authority by a notice in writing. The purpose of the amendment is to require the hospital to send the notice within ten days of the date of admission of the indigent sick person and the notice is to be sent to the local authority named by or on behalf of the indigent sick person as his place of residence.

Section 6 which relates to the liability of local authorities for hospitalization is amended by increasing the limitation in subsection (4) from two hundred dollars to three hundred dollars. The effect of this amendment is that the local authority will be liable to pay to the hospital up to a maximum of three hundred dollars per year for the care and treatment of any indigent sick person hospitalized.

Section 7 is similarly amended by changing the words two hundred dollars to three hundred dollars.

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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. 28 of 1949.

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

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

2. The said Act is further amended as to section 5,—

(a) by striking out Rule 3 where the same occurs in subsection (3) and by substituting the following:

“Rule 3.—Any person who, on the date of the application for placing such person in a hospital has not resided for twelve consecutive months out of the twenty-four consecutive months immediately preceding the date of the application, within the area controlled by a local authority and who has not a permanent home elsewhere than in the Province, shall be deemed to be a transient person.”;

(b) by striking out the words “he sends by registered mail to the local authority”, where the same occur in subsection (5), and by substituting the words “within ten days of the date of admission he sends by registered mail to the local authority named by or on behalf of the indigent sick person as his place of residence”.

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 by striking out the words “two hundred dollars”, where they occur in subsection (4), and by substituting the words “three hundred dollars”.

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 by striking out the words “two hundred dollars”, where they occur in subsection (2), and by substituting the words “three hundred dollars”.

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

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