

Bill No. 36 of 1949.

A BILL RESPECTING THE PROVISION OF ASSIST-
ANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COSTS
OF PUBLIC WELFARE SERVICES.

NOTE.

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Public Welfare Assistance Act*".

The Act enables the Minister of Public Welfare to pay a grant to each municipality not exceeding sixty per cent of the amount paid by the municipality for the maintenance of each indigent person or ward of the Government who is resident in such municipality.

The Minister of Public Welfare is empowered to prescribe forms and returns which he deems necessary or expedient to facilitate administration of the Act.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make rules and regulations and may also enter into agreements with the Dominion and other provinces with respect to the provision of health and welfare services.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council is empowered to make regulations respecting the administration of the Act, the method and time of payment of grants and the amounts of the grants.

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

BILL

No. 36 of 1949.

An Act respecting the provision of Assistance in Connection with the Costs of Public Welfare Services.

(Assented to _____, 1949.)

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

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Public Welfare Assistance Act*".

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Indigent person" means a person who is actually destitute of means from his own resources of obtaining the food, fuel, clothing, shelter, assistance, medical advice or attention and hospitalization, or any of them, necessary for the immediate needs of himself and his dependents;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Public Welfare;
- (c) "Municipality" means a city, town, village, municipal district, improvement district, or special area;
- (d) "Ward of the Government" means,—
 - (i) Any child who by order of a judge has been committed temporarily or permanently to the care and custody of the Superintendent of Child Welfare;
 - (ii) Any immigrant child as defined in Part I of *The Child Welfare Act*;
 - (iii) Any child surrendered to the Superintendent of Child Welfare by indenture, agreement or otherwise.

GENERAL.

3. The Minister, upon receipt of an application in writing and of such statements of the expenditures and other information as he may require, may pay to each municipality in respect of each indigent person or ward of the Government who is a resident of such municipality a grant not exceeding sixty per cent of the amount paid by the municipality for his maintenance, including medical advice or attention and hospitalization.

4. The municipality shall pay to the Minister a share of all moneys recovered from any indigent or ward of the Government or from his estate or from the persons responsible for his maintenance which bears the same proportion to the total amount recovered as the amount paid by the Government for his maintenance bears to the total cost of his maintenance.

5.—(1) All moneys payable to any municipality pursuant to section 3 shall be paid out of any moneys that may be appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose and in default of any such appropriation shall be a charge upon and paid out of the General Revenue Fund.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall have power to raise by way of loan any sum or sums of money that may be necessary to discharge the obligation of the Province under this Act.

6. The Minister may from time to time prescribe such forms and returns as he may deem necessary or expedient to facilitate the administration of this Act.

7. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the administration of this Act, and the method and time of payment of grants, and the amounts of the grants.

8. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may enter into agreements with the Governor General in Council from time to time as to any measure or general scheme of family allowances, public welfare insurance, or any form of health or welfare services in the Province and may enter into reciprocal agreements with the government of any province in respect to health and welfare measures.

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

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