

Bill No. 49 of 1950.

A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR NURSING SERVICE IN
MUNICIPALITIES OF A PREVENTIVE AND
EMERGENT TREATMENT NATURE.

NOTE.

This Bill enacts a new Act to be known as "*The Nursing Service Act*".

The Act enables the Minister of Health to enter into a nursing service agreement with the council of any municipality or with the councils of two or more municipalities jointly for the purpose of providing nursing service of a preventive and emergent treatment nature to persons residing within the boundaries of the area described in the agreement.

The Department and the municipalities share the cost of this nursing service in the proportions set forth in the agreement but the Department's portion cannot exceed sixty per cent of the total cost.

The municipality submits the annual budget of proposed expenditure for the nursing service to the Minister in each year for his approval.

The Department may estimate the Department's portion of the total cost of the nursing service and may pay it to the municipality in four quarterly instalments.

At the end of each year the council submits its financial statement and the Department and the council make the necessary adjustments so that the portion of the cost borne by each is in conformity with the nursing service agreement.

The Minister is authorized to employ such persons as may be required by the Department for the administration of this Act.

The nurses required are appointed by the municipalities subject to the approval of the Minister.

The Lieutenant Governor in Council is authorized to make regulations respecting the nursing service provided pursuant to the nursing service agreement. Regulations may be made prescribing the qualifications of nurses, governing their duties, accommodation, remuneration and transportation, governing the purchase of drugs, supplies and equipment and prescribing the fees to be charged for services rendered and for drugs and supplies provided.

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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 provide for Nursing Service in Municipalities of a Preventive and Emergent Treatment Nature.

(Assented to , 1950.)

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 Nursing Service Act*".

Interpretation.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (a) "council" means the council of any village or municipal district and in relation to any improvement district or special area means the Minister of Municipal Affairs;
 - (b) "Department" means the Department of Public Health;
 - (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Health;
 - (d) "municipality" means any village, municipal district, improvement district or special area;
 - (e) "municipal nurse" means a nurse appointed by a municipality pursuant to a nursing service agreement entered into under the provisions of this Act.

Nursing Service Agreements.

3.—(1) The Minister may enter into a nursing service agreement with the council of any municipality or with the councils of two or more municipalities jointly for the purpose of providing nursing service of a preventive and emergent treatment nature to persons residing within the boundaries of the area described in the agreement.

(2) The Department and each municipality shall pay such portion of the cost of the nursing service as is provided for in the agreement but the Department's portion shall not exceed sixty per cent of the total cost.

4.—(1) The annual budget of proposed expenditures for the nursing service to be provided under a nursing service agreement shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

(2) The Department may estimate its portion of the total cost of the nursing service and may pay the same to the municipality in four quarterly instalments at the end of each quarter.

5.—(1) At the end of each year the council shall submit to the Minister a financial statement of the nursing service provided under the nursing service agreement in that year.

(2) The statement shall be in such form as may be prescribed by the Minister.

(3) The books, records and vouchers of each municipality relating to the nursing service shall at all times be available for audit and inspection by the Provincial Auditor.

(4) Upon receipt of the financial statement the Department or the municipality shall make such payment to the other as may be necessary to adjust the portion of the cost of the nursing service payable by each in accordance with the nursing service agreement.

Administration.

6. Subject to the provisions of *The Public Service Act, 1947*, the Minister may employ such persons as may be required by the Department for the administration of this Act.

7.—(1) The appointment of any municipal nurse required by reason of a nursing service agreement shall be made by the municipality or by the municipalities jointly, as the case may be.

(2) Each such appointment shall be subject to the approval of the Minister.

8.—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting the nursing service provided pursuant to any nursing service agreement.

(2) Without restricting the generality of the foregoing the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,—

- (a) prescribing the qualifications required of any municipal nurse;
- (b) governing the duties, accommodation, remuneration and transportation of municipal nurses;
- (c) providing for the supervision of municipal nurses and their services;
- (d) governing the purchase of drugs, dressings, supplies, equipment and furnishings required for the nursing service;
- (e) prescribing the fees to be charged for services rendered and for drugs and supplies provided and the disposition of such fees;
- (f) prescribing forms to be used and the procedure to be followed in administering the nursing service and carrying out the provisions of this Act;

- (g) providing such other matters and things not inconsistent with this Act as are deemed necessary to facilitate its administration or to enable the proper carrying out of its purposes.

9. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to and upon so coming into force shall be deemed to have been in force at all times on and after the first day of January, 1950.

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