

Bill No. 24 of 1951.

A BILL TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 183 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

The amendments to this Act are complementary to the enactment of the new *Health Unit Act*, which is before the Legislature at this session. Existing health units organized under this Act continue to operate under this Act until such time as they can be reconstituted for operation under the new *Health Unit Act* by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council made under that Act. When all the existing health units have been brought under the new *Health Unit Act*, the provisions of this Act applicable to the organization of health units are to be repealed. The effective date of the repeal is to be fixed by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Section 2, clause (*dd*) is amended twice by this Bill, one amendment to come into force on assent, when *The Health Unit Act* comes into force, and the other to come into force when the sections of this Act relating to health units are repealed by proclamation. The amendment that comes into force on assent amends the definition of "health unit" by including a reference to health units constituted under *The Health Unit Act*. The amendment to come into force on proclamation deletes from the definition the reference to health units formed under this Act.

Sections 24, 25 and 26 are repealed. These are the sections that deal with the organization of health units under this Act and their repeal is effective on the date to be fixed by the proclamation.

Five new sections 26*a* to 26*e* inclusive are added immediately after section 26. The new *Health Unit Act* does not apply to a city having a population in excess of fifty thousand. These new sections accordingly authorize the Minister to pay a grant to the council of such a city to assist it to provide public health services to its residents.

The extent of the public health staff employed by a city council in respect of which the grant may be calculated is set out in the Bill. For the purpose of calculating the grant the salary of each member of the city public health staff is deemed to be the salary recommended by the salary survey committee of the Province and approved by the Lieutenant

Governor in Council. The amount of the grant cannot exceed sixty per cent of the approved salaries of those members of the city public health staff designated in the Bill.

The Bill provides that a city council may employ a public health staff in excess of that designated in the Bill and may pay salaries in excess of those approved by the Minister but such excess staff and such excess salaries are not considered in calculating the amount of the grant.

In addition to the grant authorized by these sections, the Minister is authorized to allot a portion of any Federal public health grant available for allotment by the Minister to the council of a city to assist it in the extension of such of its public health services as are approved by the Provincial Board of Health and for which no Provincial grant is paid.

A new section 26f is also added which provides for a Board of Visitors consisting of not more than four members. The Board of Visitors shall visit and inspect, at least once in each year, each mental hospital, sanatorium or other institution operated or administered by the Department of Public Health. The members of the Board may be paid an honorarium and travelling expenses.

Except as otherwise provided, the Bill comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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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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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1951.)

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

**1.** *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 183 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

**2.** Section 2, clause (*dd*) is amended by adding at the end of the clause the words "or constituted under *The Health Unit Act*". Section 2 amended

**3.** Section 2, clause (*dd*) is amended by striking out the words "organized under the provisions of section 25 or section 26 of this Act or". Section 2 amended

**4.** Sections 24, 25 and 26 are repealed. Sections 24, 25 and 26 repealed

**5.** The following new heading and sections are added immediately after section 26: New sections 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d and 26e

## "Grants to Cities.

**"26a.** The Minister may pay a grant to the council of a city having a population in excess of fifty thousand to assist it to provide public health services for its residents. Grant to city for public health services

**"26b.—**(1) The extent of the public health staff employed by the city council in respect of which the grant may be calculated is,— Extent of personnel in respect of which grant may be calculated

"(a) one medical officer for each seventy-five thousand of population or major portion thereof;

"(b) one public health nurse for each twelve thousand of population or major portion thereof;

"(c) one sanitary inspector for each thirty thousand of population or major portion thereof;

"(d) one clerk for each thirty thousand of population or major portion thereof.

"(2) For the purpose of calculating the grant, the salary of each member of a city public health staff designated in subsection (1) shall be deemed to be the salary recommended by the salary survey committee of the Province and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Calculating grant

Amount of grant	<p>“(3) The amount of the grant to the council of the city,—</p> <p>“(a) shall not exceed sixty per cent of the salaries approved under subsection (2) of those members of the city public health staff designated in subsection (1);</p> <p>“(b) shall be approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.</p> <p>“(4) In the calculation of grants the population shown by the latest quinquennial census will be used.</p>
Excess staff and salaries not considered in calculating grant	<p>“<b>26c.</b> The council of a city may employ a public health staff in excess of that designated in section 26<i>b</i>, subsection (1) and may pay salaries in excess of those approved under section 26<i>b</i>, subsection (2), but such excess staff and such excess salaries shall not be considered in calculating the amount of the grant.</p>
Allotment of Federal public health grant	<p>“<b>26d.</b>—(1) In addition to the grant authorized by sections 26<i>a</i> and 26<i>b</i>, the Minister may allot a portion of any Federal public health grant which is available for allotment by him, to the council of a city with a population of fifty thousand or over which is providing public health services for its people, to assist in the extension of such services as are approved by the Provincial Board of Health and for which no Provincial grant is paid.</p> <p>“(2) The grant allotted shall not exceed sixty per cent of the cost of the extension of the public health services.</p>
Regulations	<p>“<b>26e.</b> The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations as may be considered necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 26<i>a</i> to 26<i>d</i> inclusive.</p>
Board of Visitors	<p>“<b>26f</b> (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Board of Visitors consisting of not more than four members.</p>
Duties of Board of Visitors	<p>“(2) The Board of Visitors shall visit and inspect, at least once in each year, each mental hospital, sanatorium or other institution operated or administered by the Department of Public Health and submit a report thereon to the Minister.</p>
Remuneration and travelling expenses of Board of Visitors	<p>“(3) The members of the Board shall be paid an honorarium and such travelling expenses as may be approved from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council out of funds appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose.”.</p>
Coming into force	<p><b>6.</b> This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, except for sections 3 and 4 which shall come into force upon a date to be fixed by Proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.</p>

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