

Bill No. 43 of 1951.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALIZATION OF
CITY RESIDENTS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Hospitalization of City Residents Act*, being chapter 29 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1950.

Section 2, clause (a) is amended to make it clear that the definition of "council" means only the council of a city that is not included in a municipal hospital district.

Section 2, clause (b), which is the definition of "ratepayer", is struck out and a new clause substituted. The word "real" is added before the word "property" so that "ratepayer" means a person liable to pay taxes in respect of real property. The word "wife" is also changed to the word "spouse". Thus, if the ratepayer happens to be a woman the definition would include her husband in the same way that the wife of a ratepayer is included when the ratepayer is a man. The definition is further extended to include the surviving spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of a deceased ratepayer whose estate is liable to pay the taxes in respect of real property for which the ratepayer was liable.

Section 3 is amended by striking out the words "or less" where they occur in clause (a) of subsection (1) and in clause (a) of subsection (2). The effect of this is that the city hospitalization scheme must provide for the payment by the patient of one dollar per day for standard ward hospitalization. The amount payable by the patient cannot be less than one dollar per day.

Section 3, subsection (1) is amended by the addition of a new clause (c) authorizing a minimum tax for hospital purposes not exceeding eight dollars.

Section 3, subsection (2), clause (b) is amended. The amendment makes it clear that the council may raise all or part of the money required to establish a hospitalization scheme for non-ratepayers by a tax on non-ratepayers or by a contract plan for hospitalization.

The Bill comes into force upon assent.

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Legislative Counsel.

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

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No. 43 of 1951.

An Act to amend The Hospitalization of City Residents Act.

(Assented to _____, 1951.)

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

1. *The Hospitalization of City Residents Act*, being chapter 29 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1950, is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is amended,—

Section 2
amended

- (a) by adding at the end of clause (a) the words “not included in a municipal hospital district”;
- (b) by striking out clause (b) and by substituting the following:

“(b) ‘ratepayer’ means any person liable to pay taxes in respect of real property and includes the spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of a ratepayer, and the surviving spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of a deceased ratepayer whose estate is liable to pay the taxes in respect of real property for which the ratepayer was liable;”

3. Section 3 is amended,—

Section 3
amended

- (a) by striking out the words “or less” where they occur in clause (a) of subsection (1);
- (b) by adding immediately after clause (b) of subsection (1) the following new clause:
 - “(c) fixing a minimum tax for hospital purposes not exceeding eight dollars to be paid by every person assessed upon the assessment and tax roll in respect of real property.”;
- (c) by striking out the words “or less” where they occur in clause (a) of subsection (2);
- (d) by adding immediately after the words “the raising of”, where they occur in clause (b) of subsection (2), the words “all or part of”.

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

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An Act to amend The Hospitalization
of City Residents Act.

Received and read the

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HON. DR. CROSS.
