

Bill No. 104 of 1951.

A BILL TO AMEND THE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS
ACT, 1947.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Improvement Districts Act, 1947*, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1947.

Section 11*a* is struck out and a new section is substituted in its stead. The new section authorizes the Minister to enter into an agreement with an approved hospital for the provision of hospital facilities to the residents of any improvement district or part thereof.

A new section 11*b* is added immediately after section 11*a*. This section provides for a hospital agreement covering all or part of an improvement district providing for the treatment of ratepayers and for the treatment on a voluntary contract basis of persons who are residents of the improvement district or a part thereof. These agreements were authorized by O.C. 801-50 so this section is effective from the 1st day of June, 1950, until the date of the coming into force of this Bill.

On the date of the coming into force of this Bill the new section 11*b* authorized by the order in council is repealed and another section is substituted in its stead. The substituted section contains a number of minor modifications although in general it is similar to the provision authorized by the order in council. These modifications are designed to bring the section into conformity with a similar provision in *The Hospitals Act*.

Similarly, a new section 13*a* is added to the Act which is retroactive to the 1st of June, 1950. This section is also repealed effective on the date of the coming into force of this Bill and a new section substituted in its stead. The new section authorizes the Minister to fix a minimum hospital tax not in excess of eight dollars to be paid by every person assessed upon the assessment and tax roll for hospital agreement purposes.

Section 14 is amended by deleting the reference it contains to section 13*a*.

Section 15 is struck out and a new section is substituted. The former section provided for a minimum tax of twenty-five cents on each parcel. The amended section provides that

there shall be a minimum tax of twenty-five cents for general improvement district purposes, for school purposes and for hospital purposes.

Section 25 is amended to make it clear that the powers for the collection of taxes are applicable to taxes in respect of personal property.

Except for the amendments which have the effect of validating O.C. 801-50 this Bill comes into force upon assent.

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

BILL

No. 104 of 1951.

An Act to amend The Improvement Districts Act, 1947.

(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 Improvement Districts Act, 1947*, being chapter 9 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1947, is hereby amended.

2. Section 11*a* is struck out and the following is substituted: Section 11*a*
amended

“**11a.** The Minister may enter into an agreement with any approved hospital for the provision of hospital facilities to the residents of any improvement district or of any part thereof.” Hospital
agreements

3. The following new section 11*b* is added immediately after section 11*a*: New section
11*b*

“**11b.** (1) The Minister may issue an order applicable to the whole or any part of an improvement district which is not included within a municipal hospital district and in accordance with *The Hospitals Act* for the purposes of,— Hospital
agreements

“(a) entering into an agreement with an approved hospital,—

“(i) for the care and treatment of any person liable to pay taxes in respect of real property in the improvement district or part thereof, or liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands in the improvement district or part thereof, including the spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of such person; and

“(ii) for the care and treatment on a voluntary contract basis of persons who are residents of the improvement district or part thereof, and who are not liable to pay taxes in respect of real property in the improvement district or part thereof, or liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands in the improvement district or part thereof, including the spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of such person;

“(b) providing for the admission and care and treatment of the persons mentioned in clause (a) as an

emergency admission or medically referred admission in an approved hospital other than the approved hospital with which the improvement district has entered into an agreement, under the circumstances set out in section 3c of *The Hospitals Act*.

“(2) The expenses incurred to provide hospital facilities pursuant to subsection (1) shall be met by the levy and collection of a mill rate tax upon real property liable to assessment and taxation and by the collection of the amounts payable by those persons who have entered voluntary contracts pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of subsection (1) in such amount as the Minister may determine.

“(3) The Minister may fix the amount payable for hospitalization pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of subsection (1),—

“(a) by a single resident;

“(b) by a resident for himself and his dependent family, who wishes to enter a voluntary contract with the Minister of Municipal Affairs pursuant to the provisions of this section.”.

Section 11b
amended

Hospital
agreements

4. Section 11b is struck out and the following is substituted:

“11b. (1) The Minister may issue an order applicable to the whole or any part of an improvement district which is not included within a municipal hospital district and in accordance with *The Hospitals Act* for the purposes of,—

“(a) entering into an agreement with an approved hospital,—

“(i) for the care and treatment of any person liable to pay taxes in respect of real property in the improvement district or part thereof, or liable to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands in the improvement district or part thereof, including the spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of such person; and the surviving spouse, dependent family and domestic female help of such a person after his decease, so long as the estate is liable to pay the taxes for which the deceased person was liable; and

“(ii) for the care and treatment on a voluntary contract basis of any person who is a resident of the improvement district or part thereof, and who is not liable to pay taxes in respect of real property in the improvement district or part thereof, or to deliver a share of the crop as rental on provincial government lands in the improvement district or part thereof, including the spouse and dependent family of such person;

“(b) providing for the admission and care and treatment of the persons mentioned in clause (a) as an emergency admission or medically referred admission in an approved hospital, other than the approved hospital with which the improvement district has entered into an agreement, under the circumstances set out in section 3c of *The Hospitals Act*.

“(2) The Minister may fix the amount payable for hospitalization pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of subsection (1),—

Amount payable by contract holders

“(a) by a single resident; and

“(b) by a resident for himself and his dependent family, who wishes to enter into a voluntary contract with the Minister pursuant to the provisions of this section.

“(3) The amount fixed under subsection (2) may be sufficient to pay all or part of the expenses incurred in respect of such persons.

“(4) The expenses incurred to provide hospital facilities pursuant to subsection (1) shall be met,—

Payment of expenses

“(a) by the levy and collection of a mill rate tax upon real property liable to assessment and taxation; and

“(b) by the fixing and collection of the amounts payable by those persons who have entered into voluntary contracts pursuant to subclause (ii) of clause (a) of subsection (1).”.

5. Section 13a is struck out and the following is substituted:

Section 13a amended

“13a. (1) In case the Minister has entered into an agreement with an approved hospital and has levied a mill rate tax for purposes of the agreement the Minister may by order fix a minimum hospital tax to be paid by every person assessed upon the assessment and tax roll for such hospital agreement purposes.

Minimum hospital tax

“(2) Where the Minister has issued an order under subsection (1), the amount fixed as payable for hospitalization under a voluntary contract pursuant to section 11b (3) shall not be less than the amount fixed by the Order passed pursuant to subsection (1).”.

6. Section 13a is struck out and the following is substituted:

Section 13a amended

“13a. In case the Minister has entered into an agreement with an approved hospital and has levied a mill rate tax for purposes of the agreement, the Minister, by order, may fix a minimum hospital tax in an amount not in excess of eight dollars to be paid by every person assessed upon the assessment and tax roll for such hospital agreement purposes.”.

Minimum hospital tax

7. Section 14 is amended by striking out the word and figures “13 or 13a”, wherever they occur, and by substituting the word and figures “or 13”.

Section 14 amended

Section 15
amended

8. Section 15 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Minimum
tax per
parcel

“15. In the event that the tax for general improvement district purposes or for school purposes or for hospital purposes payable on any parcel is less than twenty-five cents for any of such purposes, the tax to be entered on the tax roll as payable for each of such purposes shall be twenty-five cents.”.

Section 25
amended

9. Section 25, subsection (1) is amended by striking out the words “timber berth, mineral or business, shall be a special lien on the land,” and by substituting the words “personal property, timber berth, mineral or business, shall be a special lien on the land, personal property,”.

Coming
into force

10. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to and upon so coming into force sections 3, 5 and 7 shall be deemed to have been in force at all times on and after the first day of June, 1950, until the date of the coming into force of this Act.

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Districts Act, 1947.

Received and read the

First time

Second time

Third time

HON. MR. GERHART.
