

A BILL TO AMEND THE PUBLIC WELFARE ACT

NOTE

This Bill amends *The Public Welfare Act*, being chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942.

Section 5c which authorized the Minister of Public Welfare to make such provision as he thought necessary for the training and instruction of persons suffering from paralysis caused by poliomyelitis, is amended. The amendment broadens the power of the Minister to permit him to make such provision of physically and mentally disabled persons.

Section 11, which was amended by chapter 13 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1953, is further amended by striking out subsections (2) and (3) and substituting four new subsections.

Subsection (2) as it read was ambiguous and a new subsection is substituted to clarify the reference and meaning. Subsection (3) is a revision of the previous subsection (3) with the addition of *The Disabled Persons' Pensions Act* to the list of statutes therein contained. Subsection (4) is new. This subsection, which provides that a person does not acquire or change residence by living in certain establishments, was contained in the Act prior to the amendments of 1953. Subsection (5) provides that subsection (4) will not apply to persons who are employed on the staff of the establishments mentioned in that subsection, thus restricting the application of subsection (4) to inmates of those establishments.

This Bill comes into force upon assent and is retroactive to the 1st day of April, 1953.

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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 1954

An Act to amend The Public Welfare Act

(Assented to , 1954)

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

1. *The Public Welfare Act*, being chapter 21 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended.

2. Section 5c is amended by striking out the words "paralysis caused by poliomyelitis" and by substituting the words "physical or mental disability". Section 5c amended

3. Section 11 is amended by striking out subsections (2) and (3) and by substituting the following: Section 11 amended

"(2) The period of twelve months referred to in sub-clause (ii) of clause (b) of subsection (1) shall be computed from the last day of the month in which the last issue of material aid was accepted by the person receiving the material aid or by his spouse. Determining residence

"(3) A person who receives any assistance, pension, allowance or compensation Self-supporting person

"(a) under

"(i) *The Old Age Security Act (Canada)*,

"(ii) *The Old Age Assistance Act*,

"(iii) *The Blind Persons Act*,

"(iv) *The Disabled Persons' Pensions Act*,

"(v) *The Widows' Pensions Act*,

"(vi) *The Mothers' Allowance Act*,

"(vii) *The Workmen's Compensation Act, 1948*, or

"(b) in recognition of services performed by him, shall be deemed a self-supporting person to the extent of such assistance, pension, allowance or compensation.

"(4) A person while living within an institution or home supported in whole or in part by public funds, or while living within a private hospital, nursery, school or a similar institution Retention of previous residence

"(a) shall be deemed not a self-supporting person,

"(b) shall be deemed not to acquire residence within the boundaries of the municipality in which the establishment is situate,

"(c) shall be deemed to retain the residence he had at the time of entering the establishment.

"(5) Subsection (4) does not apply to a person while he is a regular member of the paid staff of the establishment."

Coming into
force

4. This Act comes 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 April, 1953.

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