

Bill No. 43 of 1954

A BILL TO AMEND THE HEALTH UNIT ACT

NOTE

The Health Unit Act, being chapter 38 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1951, is amended by this Bill.

Section 7 is amended by repealing subsection (2) which prescribed that certain resolutions of the board dealing with expenses of the members should receive the approval of the Minister.

Section 15 is amended. This amendment provides that the Department of Public Health will pay sixty per cent of all operating costs of a health unit where before the Department was not required to pay toward furnishings and some other costs.

Section 16 is amended. Subsection (3) is replaced by a new subsection that provides that population figures may be based on the figures used for the purposes of *The Municipal Assistance Act, 1951*, where, before, the figures could only be based on the Dominion census of 1951 or a later similar census.

Section 17 is replaced by a new section. This section now provides for the appointment of an official auditor for each health unit, the auditing of the unit's accounts and a reporting thereon. Overpayments by any of the contributories to the health unit when disclosed by the auditor will be adjusted in the current contributions to the health unit. A board is required to submit financial disbursement estimates quarterly to the Minister. The accounts of a health unit are to be open for inspection by Department of Public Health officials.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

(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 amend The Health Unit 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 Health Unit Act*, being chapter 38 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1951, is hereby amended.

Section 7
amended

2. Section 7 is amended by striking out subsection (2).

Section 15
amended

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

Expenses
payable by
Department

"15. The Department shall pay to each health unit out of moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature, sixty per cent of the cost of furnishings, equipment, salaries, transportation and other operating costs included in the budget as approved."

Section 16
amended

4. Section 16 is amended by striking out subsection (3) and by substituting the following:

"(3) Population figures shall be based on the most recent federal census or on the annual census figures that have been taken under *The Municipal Assistance Act, 1953*, and approved by the Department of Municipal Affairs."

Section 17
amended

5. Section 17 is struck out and the following is substituted:

Official
auditor

"17. (1) The board of a health unit shall appoint an official auditor to be approved by the Minister.

Audit

"(2) The books and accounts of a health unit shall be audited by the official auditor of the health unit and copies of the report of the auditor shall be sent to the contributing councils and Minister within ninety days after the end of each fiscal year of the health unit.

"(3) Upon receipt of the auditor's financial statement, each contributing council and the Department shall determine the amount of the overpayment, if any, made by it to the board during the preceding fiscal year, and that overpayment may be deducted from its respective share of the budget for the current fiscal year.

"(4) The board shall prepare financial disbursement ^{Financial} statements quarterly pursuant to estimates in the approved ^{statement} budget and shall forward a copy of the same to the Minister.

"(5) The books and accounts of the board may be in- ^{Inspection of} spected at any time by the officials of the Department." ^{books and} ^{accounts}

6. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is ^{Coming into} assented to. ^{force}

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HON. DR. CROSS
