

Bill No. 44 of 1954

A BILL TO AMEND THE NURSING SERVICE ACT

NOTE

This Bill amends *The Nursing Service Act*, being chapter 45 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1950.

Section 2, the definition section, is amended to define therein "contributing council" and "local authority".

Section 3 is amended by the addition of a new subsection (3), which provides for the case where a health unit under *The Health Unit Act* has within the unit an area being served by a municipal nurse employed under an agreement under this Act. In that case by agreement the administration and operation of that nursing service may be transferred to the control of the health unit board.

Section 4 is amended by substituting a new section. This section provides that the budget for the nursing service be prepared by the local authority in the nursing service area, that it be submitted to the Minister for approval, and that the Department of Health may estimate its share of the budget and pay the same in quarterly instalments.

Section 5 is amended by substituting a new section. This section now provides for the appointment of an official auditor who shall prepare a financial statement upon which all contributing parties will base their shares of the cost of the service.

The books of the nursing service are open to inspection by officials of the Department of Health.

Section 5a is added. Subsection (1) provides for the type and extent of the costs for which the Department of Health is responsible and subsection (2) for those for which the contributing councils are responsible.

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 Nursing Service 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 Nursing Service Act*, being chapter 45 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1950, is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is amended

Section 2
amended

(a) by adding immediately after clause (a) the following new clause:

"(a1) 'contributing council' means a council of a municipality any portion of which is included in a nursing service area," "contributing council"

(b) by adding immediately after clause (b) the following new clause:

"(b1) 'local authority' means the council of that municipality having the most population within the nursing service area," "local authority"

3. Section 3 is amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following new subsection:

Section 3
amended

"(3) Where a health unit established under *The Health Unit Act* includes within it an area being served by a municipal nurse, the local authority with the approval of the contributing councils and with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council may enter into an agreement with the board of the health unit whereby that board shall be authorized to administer and operate the municipal nursing service in that area on behalf of the local authority."

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

Section 4
amended

"4. (1) The local authority shall prepare a budget of the estimated expenditures for the nursing service for each year. Budget

"(2) The budget of the estimated expenditures shall be submitted to the Minister for his approval.

"(3) The Department may estimate its portion of the total cost of the nursing service for a year and may pay the same in four quarterly instalments to the local authority."

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

"5. (1) The local authority of a nursing service area Official auditor shall appoint an official auditor.

"(2) The books of a nursing service area shall be audited Audit by the official auditor and copies of the auditor's report and financial statement sent to the contributing councils and to the Minister within ninety days after the end of each fiscal year.

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

"(4) The books and accounts of the local authority may Inspection of books, etc. be inspected at any time by officials of the Department.

"5a. (1) The Department shall pay to the local authority New section 5a out of moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature sixty per cent of the cost of furnishings and equipment, salaries, transportation and other operating costs of the Operating costs nursing service included in the budget as approved.

"(2) The contributing councils shall pay the full cost Expenses payable by councils of providing equipment for heating, lighting and providing water, and the balance of the operating costs of the nursing service not paid by the Department".

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

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