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A Bill respecting the Department of Industries and Labour

HON. MR. REIERSON

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Explanatory Note

General. This Bill repeals and replaces The Department of Industries and Labour Act. The present Act contains three Parts (Part III having been repealed at the last Session) namely Part I—Organization and Function of Department; Part II—Trade Codes; Part IV—Application of Act. Except for the present Part I, most of the matters dealt with in Part II and IV are now provided for in other Acts, such as The Alberta Labour Act, The Licensing of Trades and Businesses Act and others. It is therefore intended to revise the departmental Act to restrict it more closely to the administrative and organizational aspect of the present Act and abolish the matters authorized or dealt with under other Acts.

1. Short title.
2. Present section 2.
3. Present section 3(1).
4. Present section 3(2).
5. New.
6. (a) Present section 5(b).

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(Assented to _____, 1958)

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

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Industries and Labour Department Act*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Industries and Labour;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Industries and Labour;
- (c) "trade" means a trade, business, industry or occupation carried on in the Province and any branch or class thereof.

3. There shall be a department of the Public Service of the Province to be called the Department of Industries and Labour over which there shall preside the member of the Executive Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under the Seal of the Province to discharge the functions of the Minister of Industries and Labour.

4. Subject to *The Public Service Act*, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Deputy Minister and such other officers, clerks and employees as are requisite for the conduct of the business of the Department and may prescribe their respective duties and remuneration.

5. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council for the purposes of administration may create within the Department one or more branches, bureaus or boards.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe the duties and functions of any such branches, bureaus or boards and may delegate to a branch, bureau or board the administration of an Act or the performance of a function assigned to or the responsibility of the Department.

6. The Minister shall encourage the betterment of the conditions of all trades in the Province and the development

(b) New.

(c) Present section 5(e).

(d) Present section 5(c) (i).

(e) New.

7. (1) (a) Present section 12(b).

(b) Present section 12(c).

(c) Present section 12(e).

(d) Present section 12(f).

(e) Present section 12(h) in part.

(2) Present section 14 with reference only to advisory boards, committees and the Minister.

8. Replaces Part II dealing with Trade Codes.

of the natural resources of the Province and for that purpose he may

- (a) make surveys from time to time of all or any natural resources of the Province and formulate plans for their useful, economical and orderly development,
- (b) acquire and assimilate knowledge on all matters connected with the industrial occupations of the people, with a view to improving relations between employers and employees,
- (c) collect, abstract, compile and publish statistical information relative to the commercial, industrial, social, economic and general activities and conditions of the people of the Province,
- (d) promote and attend conferences of representatives of the persons engaged in carrying on or employed in any trade for the purpose of discussing any matter, circumstance or thing that affects the well being of the trade or of any class of persons engaged therein,
- (e) encourage and facilitate the production and sales of Alberta products in every way considered advisable for the general economic welfare of the Province.

7. (1) With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may

- (a) appoint advisory boards or advisory committees, the members of which shall hold office during pleasure, for the purpose of advising the Minister when requested to do so with regard to any specified trade carried on in the Province,
- (b) prescribe the number of members who shall constitute any such board or committee,
- (c) appoint the chairman and the secretary of any such board or committee,
- (d) subject to *The Public Service Act*, appoint such other officers, clerks and employees as may be necessary to enable any such board or committee to discharge its duties,
- (e) prescribe the remuneration and duties of all persons appointed under this section.

(2) The Minister and each advisory board or committee and each member thereof has, for the purpose of making an investigation or inquiry, the same powers

- (a) of summoning witnesses before him or it, and
- (b) of requiring witnesses to give evidence on oath, and to produce documents or things,

as are conferred upon commissioners appointed under *The Public Inquiries Act*.

8. With the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Minister may formulate codes setting up standards of ethics, methods, practices and systems applicable

to trades within the Province to effect an end to competitive practices that are in their nature detrimental either to the trade, persons employed therein, or to the public.

9. *The Department of Industries and Labour Act*, being chapter 157 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1955, is hereby repealed.

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

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