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## **BILL 81**

A Bill to amend The Improvement Districts Act

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## **Explanatory Note**

**2.** Defines new term for purposes of Act.

**3.** This amendment would authorize a tax on oil well drilling equipment.

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1959)

**H**ER 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*, being chapter 150 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

**2.** Section 2 is amended by adding immediately after clause (*m*) the following:

(*m*1) "mobile home" means a vacation trailer or house trailer that is

(i) designed for, or intended to be equipped with, wheels whether or not it is so equipped, and

(ii) constructed or manufactured to provide a domicile for one or more persons,

but does not include a trailer otherwise designed;

**3.** The following section is added immediately after section 9:

**9a.** (1) The Minister may, by order, provide for the imposition of a tax on persons who are in legal possession of equipment when the equipment is engaged in the drilling of any well for which a licence is required under *The Oil and Gas Conservation Act*.

(2) The tax shall be computed in accordance with a schedule which may be established by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) The Deputy Minister, or such person as may be designated by him, may, in writing, require any owner, conditional owner or lessee of drilling equipment to supply such information as may be necessary to compute the tax imposed pursuant to this section.

(4) The tax may be imposed at any time during a calendar year and becomes due and payable upon cessation of the drilling operation and may be recovered with costs and with interest as a debt due to the Crown from the owners, conditional owners or lessees of the equipment.

(5) When a tax imposed by an order of the Minister pursuant to this section remains unpaid for a period of thirty days after the cessation of the drilling operation,

4. Authorizes the Minister to provide for the licensing of mobile homes in an improvement district. This is in line with amendments proposed to the other municipal Acts.

5. To provide for a special levy on hamlet property for a water supply service and fire fighting equipment. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 43 presently read:

"(3) The Minister may provide by order for the proper scavenging of a hamlet within an improvement district either

- (a) by entering into a contract for the doing of such work in the manner and at the times provided by the contract, or
- (b) by the employment of a scavenger to do the work on such terms as may be agreed upon.

(4) The amount estimated to be spent in any year under subsection (3) shall be raised by a levy on each parcel of land within the hamlet and upon which a building is situated, and the amounts so levied shall be in addition to the amounts levied pursuant to section 8."

the Deputy Minister or any person appointed by him may levy the same with costs by distress under section 33.

(6) This section does not apply in respect of any equipment licensed under *The Mobile Construction Equipment Licensing Act, 1957*, or *The Seismographic Recording and Drilling Equipment Licensing Act, 1957*.

4. The following section is added immediately after section 13:

**13a.** (1) The Minister may by order provide for the licensing of mobile homes situate in an improvement district.

(2) The licence fee to be imposed in respect of a mobile home pursuant to an order under this section shall not exceed ninety dollars per year or seven dollars and fifty cents per month, for each calendar month or part thereof, during which the mobile home is within the boundaries of the improvement district.

(3) Where a mobile home licence fee is imposed pursuant to an order under this section, the full amount of the annual licence fee is due and payable as soon as the mobile home is used as a residence in the improvement district, but where an agreement has been entered into between the improvement district and the owner of the mobile home, the licence fee may be made payable on a monthly basis as agreed upon.

(4) Where the owner of a mobile home has paid the full annual licence fee imposed pursuant to this section and the mobile home is moved from the improvement district or ceases to be occupied as a residence, the owner, upon application therefor, shall be refunded one-twelfth of the annual licence fee for each full calendar month or part thereof remaining in the year and during which the mobile home is not within the improvement district or the mobile home is not used as a residence.

(5) A licence is not required in respect of a vacation trailer occupied by a *bona fide* tourist.

(6) A mobile home licensed under the provisions of this section is not liable to assessment pursuant to the provisions of *The Assessment Act*.

5. Section 43 is amended by striking out subsection (4) and by substituting the following:

(4) The Minister may, in respect of a hamlet situated within an improvement district, provide for

(a) the supplying of water within the hamlet either by drilling a well or by the construction of a reservoir, and

(b) the supplying of fire fighting equipment for the use of the hamlet.

(5) The amounts estimated to be spent in providing the services mentioned in subsections (3) and (4) may be

**6.** This will authorize a municipal service for farmers' organizations similar to the service permitted under The Municipal District Act.

raised by a levy on each parcel of land within the hamlet and upon which a building is situated, and the amounts so levied shall be in addition to and shall form part of the amounts levied pursuant to section 8.

**6.** The following section is added immediately after section 44a:

**44b.** The Minister may, by order, enter into agreements with farmers' organizations providing for the collection of dues, on a voluntary basis, by the Department from members of the organizations, on such terms as the Minister may deem necessary and providing for the remittance of the net amount so collected to the organization.

**7.** This Act comes into force on the first day of April, 1959, and upon so coming into force section 3 shall be deemed to have been in force from and after the first day of January, 1959.

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