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A Bill to Provide for the Establishment of Provincial
General Hospitals

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Explanatory Note

General. This Bill will authorize the establishment of general hospitals, to be called Provincial General Hospitals, in such parts of the Province as there may be a need for a hospital. The composition, administration and operation thereof will be very similar to that of the University of Alberta Hospital.

2. Definitions.

3. Establishment of Provincial General Hospitals.

4. Board of management constituted body corporate.

5. Powers of board of management.

6. Style and title.

7. Board of management membership.

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(Assented to _____, 1959)

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 Provincial General Hospitals Act*".

2. In this Act,

- (a) "board" means the board of management of a Provincial General Hospital established pursuant to this Act;
- (b) "hospital" means a Provincial General Hospital established pursuant to this Act;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Health.

3. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order in council, establish Provincial General Hospitals in such areas of the Province as may be deemed necessary.

(2) The purpose and objects of a Provincial General Hospital is to provide general hospital facilities for active and chronic treatment in the area of the Province in and for which a Provincial General Hospital is established.

4. The persons named in the order in council establishing a Provincial General Hospital as the members of the board of management thereof and the persons named from time to time as members of the board are hereby constituted a body corporate.

5. In addition to its powers under section 14 of *The Interpretation Act, 1958*, a board may acquire and hold real property.

6. The order in council establishing a Provincial General Hospital shall designate the style and title of the corporation as the (*identifying name*) Provincial General Hospital.

7. (1) A board shall consist of seven members, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

8. Board chairman.

9. Powers and duties of board of management.

10. Reports to Minister:

(2) Upon the removal of a member or upon the creation of a vacancy in a board by resignation or death, the Minister may appoint the member to fill the vacancy.

8. The chairman of a board shall be appointed by the Minister from among the members of the Board.

9. (1) Subject to any order, regulation or agreement made pursuant to section 17, a board shall

- (a) administer and manage all the property and assets of the hospital,
- (b) operate the hospital for the care and treatment of the sick,
- (c) provide educational facilities to medical students, student nurses and to other students of matters related to the care and prevention of sickness and disease,
- (d) provide the equipment necessary for the proper operation of the hospital,
- (e) employ the necessary medical, surgical and pharmaceutical officers, nurses, attendants and clerical staff for the proper operation of a teaching and treatment hospital,
- (f) provide the necessary facilities for proper medical attendance, nursing, food and medicine,
- (g) provide for the remuneration of all employees of the board, and
- (h) prepare annually, before the first day of November, an estimate of expenditures of the hospital for the next ensuing calendar year.

(2) A board may

- (a) accept subscriptions, donations, devises and bequests, whether of real or personal property,
- (b) sell, dispose of or otherwise realize any personal property of the board,
- (c) pay a member of the board an amount not exceeding ten dollars for each meeting of the board attended by the member, and
- (d) do such other things as may be necessary to carry out the purpose and objects of the hospital.

(3) A board may with the approval of the Minister make by-laws governing the management, control and operation of the hospital, and *The Regulations Act* does not apply to any such by-law.

10. (1) A copy of the minutes of each meeting of a board shall be forwarded to the Minister.

(2) The annual estimate of expenditures prepared by the Board shall be forwarded to the Minister as soon as may be after its preparation.

11. Debenture borrowing and alienation of land.

12. Charges and appointments to medical staff.

13. Medical superintendent and business administrator.

14. Duties of business administrator.

15. Accounting procedure.

11. (1) The board, with the approval of the Minister, may raise money required by the board under the provisions of this Act for construction, renovation or repair, and secure the same in such manner as the board thinks fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, charged upon any or all of the board's property, both present and future, and may purchase, redeem or pay off such securities.

(2) The board, with the approval of the Minister, may sell or otherwise dispose of any of the real property of the board.

12. (1) The board, with the approval of the Minister, may fix a schedule of charges from time to time for special or extra services that are provided by the hospital and not included in standard or public ward care.

(2) The board shall make all appointments to the medical staff of the hospital.

(3) Before the board appoints medical or nursing personnel to lecture, teach or otherwise instruct in the hospital, the board shall obtain the approval of the Minister thereto.

13. (1) The board, with the approval of the Minister, shall appoint

- (a) a medical superintendent of the hospital, and
- (b) a business administrator of the hospital.

(2) The board shall assign the duties of the medical superintendent.

14. (1) The business administrator shall

- (a) act as secretary to the board and advise the board on all matters affecting the finances of the hospital,
- (b) set up and administer an efficient accounting system for the hospital,
- (c) collect on behalf of the board the accounts owing the hospital,
- (d) expend the moneys of the hospital on behalf of the board in accordance with the regulations and orders made in that behalf, and
- (e) perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the board.

(2) All the requirements of the hospital necessitating an expenditure of money, or a charge upon the credit of the hospital, shall be requisitioned through the business administrator and shall be purchased or ordered by him.

(3) All payments for services rendered or supplies furnished to the hospital shall be made by the business administrator.

15. (1) The accounts of the board shall be made up to the thirty-first day of December of each year by the business administrator, or at such other times as may be required by the Minister.

16. Annual report.

17. Schedule of salaries and approved charges for standard or public ward care.

18. Operation of hospitals.

19. Coming into force.

(2) Whenever the accounts are made up the business administrator shall prepare a statement of revenue and expenditure and a statement of assets and liabilities for the calendar year immediately preceding, and the statements shall be submitted through the board for the certification of the Provincial Auditor.

(3) All books and records pertaining to the work carried on by the board and the business administrator under this Act are subject at all times to examination and audit by the Provincial Auditor or by such other person as the Minister may authorize in that behalf.

(4) The Minister may prescribe the form of any accounts to be kept by the business administrator for the board in and relating in any way to the matters dealt with by this Act.

16. (1) The board shall make a report annually to the Minister for the twelve months ending the thirty-first day of December of each year, at such time as may be required by the Minister.

(2) The report shall contain the statements prepared by the business administrator pursuant to subsection (2) of section 15 and certified by the Provincial Auditor, and any other reports that may be required under or pursuant to any Act of the Legislature, and the statements shall be included in the public accounts for the year.

17. The Minister may fix, from time to time, a schedule of salaries to be paid to persons employed by the board, and a schedule of approved charges for standard or public ward care.

18. (1) The Minister may enter into agreements binding on the hospital respecting the operation or administration of any hospital or any diagnostic facility attached thereto.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by regulations, provide for such matters and things as may be deemed necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.

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

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