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## **BILL 54**

A Bill to amend The Fire Prevention Act

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HON. MR. PATRICK

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## Explanatory Note

**2.** The duties of the fire commissioner are enlarged. Section 6 presently reads:

"6. The fire commissioner shall enforce all laws of the Province, and regulations made thereunder, relative to

- (a) the prevention of fires,
- (b) the storage, sale and use of combustibles and explosives,
- (c) the installation and maintenance of automatic or other fire alarm systems and fire-extinguishing equipment,
- (d) the construction, maintenance and regulation of fire escapes,
- (e) the means and adequacy of exit in case of fire from factories, asylums, hospitals, churches, schools, halls, theatres, amphitheatres and all other places in which numbers of persons work, live or congregate from time to time for any purposes, and
- (f) the suppression of arson and investigation of the cause, origin and circumstances of fires."

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No. 54 of 1960

An Act to amend The Fire Prevention Act

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1960)

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

1. *The Fire Prevention Act*, being chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended.

2. Section 6 is amended

- (a) by renumbering the section as subsection (1),
- (b) by adding immediately after the renumbered subsection (1), the following new subsections:
  - (2) The fire commissioner shall
    - (a) collect and disseminate information with regard to fires in the Province,
    - (b) investigate conditions under which fires are likely to occur,
    - (c) study methods of fire prevention, and
    - (d) render such advice and make such recommendations as he may deem advisable with regard to
      - (i) the establishment and administration of fire brigades and fire departments,
      - (ii) the provision of adequate water supply for fire fighting,
      - (iii) the enactment and enforcement by municipalities of by-laws for the prevention of fire or the protection of life and property against fire,
      - (iv) the establishment of rural fire prevention areas as provided for under *The Municipal District Act* and for the extension of areas of fire protection by co-operative groups allied with fire departments, and
      - (v) the establishment of regional and county mutual fire aid.

(3) Where an emergency arises from a fire hazard or from a risk of explosion that causes the fire commissioner to be apprehensive of imminent and serious danger to life or property, or of a

**3.** The fire commissioner is authorized to provide fire department leadership training and regular fire fighting training assistance.

**4.** The authority to make regulations governing fire prevention is broadened and set down in greater detail. Section 41 presently reads:

"41. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their true intent and of supplying any deficiency therein, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations, not inconsistent with the spirit of this Act, which have the same force and effect as if incorporated herein."

panic, he may forthwith take such steps as he thinks advisable to remove the hazard or risk and he may cause the evacuation of any building or area and he may call upon the police or fire prevention authorities having jurisdiction to assist him.

**3.** The following new section is added immediately after section 6:

**6a.** The fire commissioner may,

- (a) establish, maintain and operate a central fire college for training of fire department officers,
- (b) establish and operate regional fire schools for the training of fire officers or fire fighters, and
- (c) provide travelling inspectors and instructors to assist municipal councils and fire chiefs in training of fire fighters.

**4.** Section 41 is struck out and the following section is substituted:

**41.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act, including matters in respect of which no express or only partial or imperfect provision has been made in this Act or any other Act of the Province and without restricting the generality of the foregoing may make regulations,

- (a) governing the sale, installation and maintenance in any building or premises of any appliance, fixture or thing that in the opinion of the fire commissioner is likely to present a fire hazard,
- (b) governing the manufacture, sale, storage, carriage and disposal of any combustible, explosive or flammable matter,
- (c) governing the locations, construction, occupancy, equipment and general fire safety of factories, asylums, hospitals, churches, schools, halls, theatres, stadia, dormitories, old folks homes, nursing homes, children's homes, kindergartens, apartment houses, public garages, service stations, bulk fuel oil plants, office buildings and all other places where numbers of persons work, live or congregate,
- (d) for the standardization of fire hose, fire hydrants and other fire fighting equipment,
- (e) prescribing the types, locations and testing of fire fighting apparatus, equipment and devices and fire alarm systems to be used in any class of premises or in premises used for any specified purpose,
- (f) providing for licensing and control of the manufacture, sale, servicing and recharging of fire extinguishers, and
- (g) respecting any other matter necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purpose of this Act.

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

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