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BILL 84

A Bill to amend The Public Welfare Act

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Explanatory Note

2. Under section 38 the Minister may pay a municipality a grant not exceeding 80% of the amount paid by the municipality with respect to an indigent person. Under this proposed section, the municipality will be required to repay any of this money if it is subsequently recovered.

3. This clause adds a Part III to the Act authorizing the provision of assistance, to be known as a social allowance, to certain persons who are unable to earn an income sufficient to provide them with basic necessities. The class of persons eligible is outlined in the proposed sections 45 and 46.

44. Definitions.

45, (1) Purpose of allowance.

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(Assented to _____, 1960)

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

1. *The Public Welfare Act*, being chapter 268 of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended.

2. The following new section is added after section 38:

39. Where the Minister has made a grant under section 38, the municipality shall pay to the Minister any moneys recovered from the indigent person or his estate in excess of the amount contributed by the municipality.

3. The following new Part is added after section 43:

PART III

SOCIAL ALLOWANCES

44. In this Part,

- (a) "basic necessities" means the things, goods and services referred to in section 45 or declared to be basic necessities under section 47;
- (b) "dependant", with respect to any person, means his spouse and includes any child who is dependent upon him for support and who
 - (i) is not over the age of sixteen years, or
 - (ii) is seventeen years of age but attends school and is making satisfactory progress;
- (c) "social allowance" means an amount paid to or in respect of any person pursuant to section 45;
- (d) "Supervisor" means the Supervisor of Public Assistance appointed under *The Department of Public Welfare Act*.

45. (1) For the purpose of ensuring that no resident of Alberta lacks such things, goods and services as are essential to his health and well-being, including food, clothing, shelter and essential surgical, medical, optical, dental and other

(2) Method of payment.

46. (1) Types of persons eligible.

(2) Receipt of certain other forms of assistance not in itself a disqualification.

47. Basic necessities may be defined and valued by the Minister.

48. Granting of allowance.

49. Discontinuation or variation of allowance.

50. Reciprocal arrangements with other Provinces.

remedial treatment, care and attention, an allowance may, in accordance with this Part, be paid to or in respect of a resident in an amount sufficient to enable the resident to obtain the basic necessities of himself and his dependants, if any.

(2) A social allowance may be in the form of vouchers or cash and may be provided monthly or more frequently as the Supervisor deems advisable.

46. (1) A social allowance shall be paid only to or in respect of a person

- (a) who by reason of age, or by reason of physical or mental ill health or physical or mental incapacity that is likely to continue for more than ninety days, is unable to earn an income sufficient to pay for the basic necessities of himself and his dependants, if any, or
- (b) who, being a mother having the custody of a dependent child, is unable to earn an income sufficient to pay for the basic necessities of herself and her dependants,

and who, if the social allowance were not paid, would, in the opinion of the Supervisor, be likely to lack the basic necessities.

(2) The receipt of a pension, assistance or allowance under the *Old Age Security Act* (Canada), *The Old Age Assistance Act*, *The Blind Persons Act* or *The Disabled Persons Act* does not of itself disqualify the recipient from receiving a social allowance under this Part.

47. The Minister of Public Welfare, by order, may declare any things, goods or services to be basic necessities and may from time to time, establish, for the purposes of this Part, the cost of all or any of the basic necessities.

48. Where he deems that an applicant should receive a social allowance, the Supervisor shall direct the payment of an allowance to or in respect of the applicant in an amount that, in the opinion of the Supervisor, will be adequate to enable the applicant to obtain his basic necessities.

49. Where, on the basis of information received by him, the Supervisor is of the opinion that the social allowance payable to or in respect of any person should be discontinued or that the amount thereof should be reduced or increased, he may direct that the social allowance be discontinued or that the amount thereof be reduced or increased and thereupon the allowance shall be discontinued or the amount reduced or increased as so directed.

50. The Minister of Public Welfare, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may enter into an agreement with the government of any other province of Canada,

51. Power to make regulations.

52. Funds for payment.

- (a) for the payment of social allowances to or in respect of residents of that other province who are temporarily in Alberta, and
 - (b) for the granting of moneys or assistance equivalent to a social allowance to residents of Alberta who are temporarily in that other province,
- upon such terms and conditions as may be mutually satisfactory to the parties to the agreement.

51. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) prescribing for the purposes of this Part, the residence requirements and the test of financial means with which each applicant for an allowance must comply,
- (b) prescribing the information which each applicant for an allowance must furnish and the manner in which the applicant is to prove such information, and
- (c) respecting any other matter deemed necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the purposes of this Part.

52. The moneys payable pursuant to this Part

- (a) shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislative Assembly for that purpose, or
- (b) in default of an appropriation shall be paid out of the General Revenue Fund.

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

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