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BILL 70

A Bill to amend The Public Health Act

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Explanatory Note

- 2.** The definition of “communicable disease” is revised.

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(Assented to _____, 1962)

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

1. *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 255 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

2. Section 2 is amended by striking out clause (b) and by substituting the following:

(b) "communicable disease"

- (i) means an illness due to an infectious agent or its toxic products which is transmitted directly or indirectly to a well person from an infected person or animal, or through the agency of an intermediate animal host, of a vector, or of the inanimate environment, and
- (ii) includes anthrax, botulism, brucellosis (undulant fever), chancroid, chicken pox, cholera, conjunctivitis (acute infectious), diarrhoea of the newborn (epidemic), diphtheria, diphtheria carrier-state, dysentery (amoebic), dysentery (bacillary), encephalitis (infectious, arthropod-borne), food poisoning (salmonella infection), food poisoning (staphylococcus intoxication), gonorrhoea, granuloma inguinale, hepatitis (infectious), hepatitis (serum), impetigo contagiosa, influenza (epidemic), leprosy, leptospirosis, lymphogranuloma venereum, malaria, measles, meningitis (viral or aseptic), meningococcal infections, mumps, ophthalmia neonatorum (gonococcal), paratyphoid fever, paratyphoid carrier-state, pediculosis, pemphigus noenatorum (impetigo of the newborn), pertussis (whooping cough), plague, poliomyelitis (paralytic), psittacosis and ornithosis, puerperal pyrexia, Q-fever, rabies in man, relapsing fever (louse-borne), rickettsial infections, ringworm, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, rubella, scabies, scarlet fever and streptococcal sore throat, smallpox, syphilis, tetanus, trichinosis, tuberculosis, tularaemia,

3. (a) and (b), section 7, subsection (1) reads in part:

"7. (1) The Provincial Board may, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, make and issue orders, rules and regulations for the prevention, mitigation and suppression of disease, and may alter or repeal them, and in particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, it may make and issue orders, rules and regulations in respect of the following matters:

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- (u) the prevention of the pollution, defilement or fouling of the atmosphere and the regulation of plants or industries discharging chemical or other waste matter into the atmosphere;
- (ul) the regulation and prohibition of the construction of any class or type of plant or industry in any location where it is likely to create a problem through pollution of the atmosphere or water or both;"
- (c) Clause (ss) of subsection (1) of section 7 presently reads:
"(ss) the course of conduct to be pursued by any person infected with tuberculosis in order to prevent the infection of other persons, and the compulsory removal where necessary of such persons to and their detention in the Central Alberta Sanatorium, hospitals, approved homes or other institutions for persons suffering from tuberculosis;"
- (d) Clause (tt) of subsection (1) of section 7 presently reads:
"(tt) the terms and conditions upon which a dentist registered under The Dental Association Act may enter into and remain in association with persons who are dental mechanics but not registered under that Act, and the conduct of persons so associated;"

This matter is now regulated by The Certified Dental Mechanics and The Dental Technicians Acts.

4. Section 10, subsection (1), clause (b) presently reads:

"10. (1) In this section,

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- (b) "pasteurization" means
 - (i) heating every particle of milk to a temperature of not less than 143 degrees Fahrenheit or to such other temperature as may be set by the Provincial Board,
 - (ii) holding it at such temperature for not less than thirty minutes or such other time as may be set by the Provincial Board, and
 - (iii) cooling it immediately thereafter to 50 degrees Fahrenheit or less,and "pasteurized" has a corresponding meaning."

5. Section 42 reads:

"42. A dentist who enters into and remains in association with a dental mechanic upon terms and conditions approved by the Provincial Board and who conforms with the rules and regulations of the Provincial Board governing the conduct of persons so associated shall not be deemed to be guilty of any offence or any professional misconduct, within the meaning of The Dental Association Act, by reason of his being so associated or by reason of anything done by him or his associates in conformity with such rules and regulations."

This matter is now regulated by The Certified Dental Mechanics Act and The Dental Technicians Act.

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typhoid fever, typhoid carrier-state, typhus (louse-borne), venereal diseases, Vincent's infection (of mouth or throat), yellow fever, and any disease which the Provincial Board of Health from time to time with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council may declare to be a communicable disease;

3. Section 7, subsection (1) is amended

- (a) as to clause (*u*) by striking out the words "or industries" and by substituting the words ", industries and pipe lines",
- (b) as to clause (*u1*) by striking out the words "or industry" and by substituting the words "industry or pipe line",
- (c) as to clause (*ss*) by striking out the words "the Central Alberta Sanatorium" and by substituting the word "sanatoria",
- (d) by striking out clause (*tt*).

4. Section 10, subsection (1) is amended by striking out clause (*b*) and by substituting the following:

- (b) "pasteurization" means the process of
 - (i) heating every particle of milk to a temperature set by the Provincial Board,
 - (ii) holding it at such temperature for the time set by the Provincial Board, and
 - (iii) cooling it immediately thereafter to a temperature set by the Provincial Board,
 and "pasteurized" has a corresponding meaning.

5. Section 42 is repealed.

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

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