4th Session, 14th Legislature, Alberta 10 Elizabeth II

BILL 74

A Bill to amend The Water Resources Act

HON. MR. HALMRAST

Explanatory Note

2. The Water Resources Act is made applicable to ground	Æ•	ground water
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3. Application of The Ground Water Control Act.

4. Commencement of Act.

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No. 74 of 1962

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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 Water Resources Act, being chapter 362 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.
- **2.** Section 2 is amended by renumbering the section as subsection (1) and by adding immediately after the renumbered subsection (1) the following:
- (2) All reference in this Act to water in any river, stream, watercourse, lake, creek, spring, ravine, canyon, lagoon, swamp, marsh, or other body of water, applies to water under the surface of the ground, commonly referred to as ground water, but does not apply to water obtained incidentally as a result of drilling for oil or the operation of an oil well.
- **3.** Section 5 is amended by adding the following new subsections:
- (6) Every person who acquires the legal right to take, use and develop ground water by virtue of this Act shall do so in accordance with such relevant regulations under *The Ground Water Control Act* as may from time to time be in force.
- (7) Nothing in this Act or in *The Ground Water Control Act* or in the regulations under either of those Acts, restricts the right of a person owning or occupying land to use such quantity of ground water as he may require for domestic purposes on the land.
- 4. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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