

No. 46

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11 Elizabeth II

BILL 46

A Bill to amend An Act to Incorporate the Associated
Hospitals of Alberta

HON. DR. ROSS

Explanatory Note

2. Section 3, clauses (b) and (c) presently read:

"3. The Corporation shall be and is hereby authorized to arrange and operate a voluntary Plan (hereinafter referred to as "The Blue Cross Plan") for the provision of hospitalization, on a prepayment basis, for subscribers thereto and without limiting the generality of the foregoing,—

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- (b) to select annually a committee of control or board of administration to administer under the Corporation The Blue Cross Plan which shall be composed of nine persons, namely: ex-officio the President of the Corporation; a representative of the subscribers of The Blue Cross Plan; three representatives elected by the Corporation, one of whom shall be a member of the Corporation from the Municipal Hospitals of Alberta, one a member from the Catholic hospitals of Alberta and one from all other hospitals of Alberta; one member nominated by each of the following, namely: the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts, the Union of Alberta Municipalities and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Alberta;
 - (c) to enter into contracts with approved hospitals for furnishing hospitalization to subscribers;".

The amendment is intended to clarify the powers of The Associated Hospitals of Alberta to provide other than health services under its Blue Cross Plan, such as ambulance services, artificial limbs, and the like, but not including the professional services of physicians.

The amendment to clause (b) is intended to make the wording in the clause correspond with the present practice and with the terminology used in other legislation as follows:

- (a) The Board which has been selected annually by the Corporation to administer The Blue Cross Plan has been known as the "Board of Trustees" since the inception of the Plan;
- (b) The Associated Hospitals of Alberta now has more than one Vice-president and the change is to confirm that the First Vice-president is ex officio a member of the Board of Trustees of The Alberta Blue Cross Plan.
- (c) The Alberta Hospitals Act now defines hospitals owned and operated by hospital districts as "District" hospitals rather than "Municipal" hospitals as was the case in the Legislation which was superseded by The Alberta Hospitals Act.

The amendment to clause (f) substitutes terminology consistent with the main paragraph of section 3, as amended by clause 2.

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(Assented to _____, 1963)

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

1. *An Act to Incorporate The Associated Hospitals of Alberta*, being chapter 22 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1948, is hereby amended.

2. Section 3 is amended

(a) by striking out all the words preceding clause (a) and by substituting the following:

3. The Corporation is hereby authorized to arrange and operate a voluntary plan (hereinafter referred to as "The Blue Cross Plan") for the prepayment by subscribers thereto of the cost of hospital services and other health services (hereinafter referred to as "services"), exclusive of professional fees charged by physicians attending the recipients of such services and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing,

(b) as to clause (b)

(i) by striking out the words "committee of control or board of administration" and by substituting the words "board of trustees",

(ii) by adding the word "First" immediately preceding the word "Vice-President",

(iii) by striking out the words "Municipal Hospitals of Alberta" and by substituting the words "District Hospitals of Alberta",

(c) by striking out clause (c) and by substituting the following:

(c) to enter into contracts with hospitals or other corporations or persons which may furnish services to subscribers;

(d) as to clause (f) by striking out the words "hospital care or treatment" and by substituting the word "services".

3. Section 6 presently reads:

"6. Notwithstanding anything contained in The Alberta Insurance Act, being chapter 201 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, as amended, the Corporation shall not be deemed to be carrying on the business of insurance or to be undertaking insurance in furnishing prepaid hospital care to subscribers of The Blue Cross Plan."

The amendments are intended

- (a) to bring the reference to The Alberta Insurance Act up-to-date by referring to the Revised Statutes of 1955 rather than those of 1942, and
- (b) to use terminology consistent with section 3, as amended by clause 2, in describing the hospital and other health services the cost of which may be covered under the Blue Cross Plan.

4. Section 17 presently reads:

"17. The provisions of sections 105, 106, 107, 117 and 225 of The Companies Act of the Province of Alberta shall not apply to the Corporation."

The amendment brings this section up-to-date by making reference to section numbers in the Revised Statutes of 1955 rather than those of 1942.

5. A short title is added to the Act for convenience.

6. Commencement of Act.

3. Section 6 is amended

- (a) by striking out the words "being chapter 201 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, as amended",
- (b) by striking out the words "hospital care" and by substituting the word "services".

4. Section 17 is struck out and the following is substituted:

17. Sections 118, 119, 120, 130 and 237 of *The Companies Act* do not apply to the Corporation.

5. The following section is added after section 18:

19. This Act may be cited as "*The Associated Hospitals of Alberta Act*".

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

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