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A Bill to amend The Health Unit Act

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Explanatory Note

2. Section 7 presently reads:

"7. The board may pass a resolution authorizing the payment to members thereof of allowances not exceeding the amounts that would be paid by their respective councils to members of the council for similar services."

The new wording will eliminate differences that presently exist in the remuneration of members of a board when some are municipal district or county councillors and others are town or village councillors.

3. Section 13 presently reads:

"13. (1) Each member of the staff shall be paid a salary in accordance with the schedule recommended from time to time by the salary survey committee of the Provincial Government and approved by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) The board may pay salaries in excess of those approved under subsection (1), but the excess salaries shall not be considered in calculating the statutory deductions to be made under The Public Service Pension Act, or The Temporary Provincial Employees Retirement Act."

4. (a) Section 16, subsection (1), clause (b) presently reads:

"16. (1) In every year, out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the purpose, the Department shall pay to each eligible health unit grants to be calculated as follows,

.....

(b) for dental services where such services are provided in accordance with the regulations a grant equal to twenty per cent of the grant under clause (a)."

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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. *The Health Unit Act*, being chapter 139 of the Revised Statutes, is hereby amended.

2. Section 7 is struck out and the following section is substituted:

7. A board may, by resolution, authorize the payment to the members thereof of allowances not exceeding the amounts that may be paid under *The Municipal District Act* to members of a council.

3. Section 13 is amended

- (a) as to subsection (1) by striking out the word "shall" and by substituting the word "may",
- (b) as to subsection (2) by striking out the words "The board may pay salaries in excess of those approved under subsection (1), but" and by substituting the words "Where a board pays salaries in excess of those approved under subsection (1),".

4. Section 16 is amended

- (a) as to subsection (1) by striking out clause (b) and by substituting the following:
 - (b) for dental services
 - (i) where such services are provided in accordance with the regulations, a grant equal to twenty per cent of the grant under clause (a), and
 - (ii) where the employment of one or more registered dental auxiliaries is authorized by the Minister, a further grant up to ten per cent of the grant under clause (a),
provided that the total grant under this clause shall not exceed sixty per cent of the total expenditures for dental services.

(b) Subsection (4) presently reads:

“(4) The funds provided by the Department and the contributing councils, pursuant to this section, shall constitute the basic budget of the health unit.”.

The subsection is revised to ensure that dental grants are used exclusively for dental purposes.

5. Section 17, subsection (2) reads:

“(2) Each contributing council shall pay the proportion of the expenses that its population served by the health unit bears to the total population served by the health unit.”.

6. Section 18, subsection (3) presently reads:

“(3) The board shall refund to the Department and to the contributing councils, in proportion to the contribution made by each, that portion of the unexpended balance, as shown by the auditor's financial statement, that exceeds ten per cent of the basic budget of the health unit for the fiscal year.”.

The purpose of the amendment is similar to that of the amendment to section 16, subsection (4). See clause 4 of this Bill.

7. A new section 18c provides for the extension of health unit services to Indian reservations by agreement and with a sharing of costs.

A new section 18d authorizes the payment of grants to ensure medical services in northerly parts of the Province.

(b) by striking out subsection (4) and by substituting the following:

(4) The funds provided by the Department under clause (a) of subsection (1) and by the contributing councils under subsection (2) for general health unit services shall constitute the basic budget of the health unit for general health unit services.

(4a) The funds provided by the Department under clause (b) of subsection (1) and by the contributing councils under subsection (2) for dental services shall constitute the basic budget of the health unit for dental services.

5. Section 17 is amended by adding the following after subsection (2):

(2a) Where the funds available to an improvement district or special area are insufficient to meet the share of any payment required to be made under subsection (2), the Minister of Municipal Affairs may pay the sums from moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislative Assembly or in the absence of an appropriation therefor from the General Revenue Fund.

6. Section 18 is amended by striking out subsection (3) and by substituting the following:

(3) The board shall refund to the Department and to the contributing councils in proportion to the contribution made by each,

(a) that portion of the unexpended balance of the contributions for general health unit services that exceeds ten per cent of the basic budget for the year for that service, and

(b) that portion of the unexpended balance of the contributions for dental services that exceeds ten per cent of the basic budget for the year for that service, as shown by the auditor's financial statement.

7. The following new sections are added immediately after section 18b:

18c. (1) Where an Indian reservation is surrounded by or adjacent to a health unit, the board of the health unit may request the Minister for permission to enter into an agreement with Indian and Northern Health Services of the Government of Canada for the purpose of extending the services of the health unit to persons residing within the boundaries of the Indian reservation.

(2) Where an agreement is entered into in accordance with subsection (1), the population of the Indian reservation shall be added to that of the remainder of the health unit for the purpose of determining the *per capita* rate of the

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grants provided under subsections (1) and (1a) of section 16, but no grant shall be paid by the Department in respect of the added population.

(3) It shall be a term of every agreement under subsection (1) that where services are provided to an Indian reservation, Indian and Northern Health Services shall contribute to the operating expenses of the health unit in respect of the population of the Indian reservation at a *per capita* rate equal to the combined *per capita* rates of the total grant paid by the Department and of the requisition paid by each contributing council.

18d. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may make provision for emergency treatment services and preventive health services for individuals in isolated areas of the Province.

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

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