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## **BILL 154**

A Bill respecting Forest Reserves

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HON. MR. WILLMORE

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## **Explanatory Note**

**General.** This Bill replaces and revises The Forest Reserves Act, R.S.A. 1955, c. 119. The principal changes are the deletion of most sections providing for the use and disposition of land and the management and protection of forests within the forest reserves. The Forests Act, 1961, and The Public Lands Act are made applicable to the reserves.

**2. Definitions.**

**3. Application of Act.**

**4. Personnel.**

**5. Purpose of reserves.**

**6. Constitution of forest reserves.**

**7. Acquisition of land. Present sections 6 and 7 revised.**

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1964)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Forest Reserves Act, 1964*".

**2.** In this Act,

- (a) "Department" means the Department of Lands and Forests;
- (b) "forest reserve" means an area comprising lands for the time being set aside as a forest reserve pursuant to this Act;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Lands and Forests.

**3.** This Act and the regulations apply to all lands within the boundaries of any forest reserves established pursuant to this Act.

**4.** The Minister may appoint such forest officers as are necessary to carry out this Act.

**5.** All forest reserves within the Province are hereby set apart and established for the conservation of the forests and other vegetation therein and for the maintenance of conditions favourable to an optimum water supply.

**6.** The lands described in the appendix to the agreement set forth in the Schedule to chapter 20 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1948, and to chapter 59 of the Statutes of Canada, 1947, and any other lands added thereto by amendments are hereby constituted as forest reserves within the Province.

**7.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the Minister

- (a) to purchase, expropriate, or otherwise acquire lands within a forest reserve or adjoining a forest reserve,
- (b) to exchange for land within or adjoining a forest reserve, any available public lands situated outside

**8. Regulations.**

**9. Cancellation of permits.**

**10. Posting of signs.**

**11. Offences and penalty.**

**12. Application of other Acts.**

the boundaries of the forest reserve, and to pay compensation upon an exchange of land, and

- (c) to prohibit or restrict the conduct of any business or commercial activity on any land situated within the boundaries of a forest reserve.

**8.** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) governing the pasturage of cattle in forest reserves,
- (b) prescribing by signs posted along any forestry road or any part thereof
  - (i) the speed limit to be observed on it by all vehicles or by any class of vehicles, and
  - (ii) directions or orders controlling or prohibiting the movement of any vehicular, pedestrian or other traffic,
- (c) regulating or prohibiting any kind of behaviour or traffic in forest reserves,
- (d) respecting the issuance of annual permits for the grazing of stock in forest reserves, and
- (e) prohibiting or restricting the use of firearms and air guns in forest reserves.

**9.** The Minister may at any time cancel a permit or other authorization issued pursuant to this Act.

**10.** No signs shall be posted in a forest reserve except those prescribed by the regulations or authorized by the Minister.

**11.** A person who

- (a) contravenes this Act or the regulations or a term or condition of a permit or other authorization issued pursuant to this Act, or
- (b) wilfully defaces, knocks down, removes or otherwise renders illegible or injures any sign, signal or obstruction erected or placed in a forest reserve for the direction or safety of traffic or for any other purpose,

is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months.

**12.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in the regulations, *The Forests Act, 1961* and *The Public Lands Act* apply to all public lands within a forest reserve.

(2) Subject to the regulations,

- (a) dispositions of public lands in forest reserves other

**13. Repeal of present Act.**

**14. Commencement of Act.**

- than those relating to timber rights shall be made pursuant to *The Public Lands Act*, and
- (b) dispositions of timber rights on public lands in forest reserves shall be made pursuant to *The Forests Act, 1961*.

**13.** *The Forest Reserves Act*, being chapter 119 of the Revised Statutes, is repealed.

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

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