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THE PROVINCIAL TREASURER

First Reading

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(Assented to _____, 1969)

HER 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 Consumer Bureau Act*.

2. In this Act,

- (a) "Director" means the Director of the Consumer Bureau established under this Act;
- (b) "Minister" means the member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of this Act.

3. (1) There is hereby created a branch in the Minister's Department to be known as the Consumer Bureau and consisting of the Director and any other employees the Minister considers necessary.

(2) The Director is responsible for the operation of the Consumer Bureau.

4. The Consumer Bureau is empowered to

- (a) maintain liaison with consumer and business groups throughout Alberta,
- (b) disseminate information for the purpose of advising consumers respecting any Acts which provide protection for consumers,
- (c) receive and investigate complaints of practices that are in contravention of Acts for the protection of consumers or appear to be detrimental either to business or to a consumer, and
- (d) co-operate with other governments, agencies of any government and any bodies or organizations in

Explanatory Notes

1. General. This Bill creates the Consumer Bureau under the supervision of a Director.

2. Definitions.

3. Creation of the Consumer Bureau.

4. Duties of Consumer Bureau.

programs designed to promote the interests of consumers in Alberta.

5. (1) In carrying out the powers conferred on the Consumer Bureau by this Act, the Director or any person authorized in writing by him for the purpose

(a) may during business hours enter any business premises and is entitled to access to the books of account, accounting records, documents, files and other records of the business for the purpose of inspection and examination and of taking extracts therefrom, and

(b) may require written information verified by affidavit to be sent to him in connection with any matter under investigation.

(2) For the purposes of any inspection and examination conducted by the Director under this Act, he has the powers of a commissioner appointed under *The Public Inquiries Act*.

6. (1) The Minister shall make and submit to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report on the operation of the Consumer Bureau.

(2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly within 15 days after the commencement of the session next following the end of the year for which the report is made.

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

5. Director has power to examine accounting records and to examine any person on oath to ascertain the true nature of a business or business practice.

6. Annual report to Legislature.