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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

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Result of an Accident or in an Emergency

(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 Emergency Medical Aid Act*.

2. In this Act,

- (a) "physician" means a person who is registered as a medical practitioner under *The Medical Profession Act*;
- (b) "registered nurse" means a person who is a registered nurse under *The Registered Nurses Act*.

3. Where, in respect of a person who is ill, injured or unconscious as the result of an accident or other emergency,

- (a) a physician or registered nurse voluntarily and without expectation of compensation or reward renders emergency medical services or first aid assistance and the services or assistance are not rendered at a hospital or other place having adequate medical facilities and equipment, or
- (a) a person other than a person mentioned in clause (a) voluntarily renders emergency first aid assistance and that assistance is rendered at the immediate scene of the accident or emergency,

the physician, registered nurse or other person is not liable for damages for injuries to or the death of that person alleged to have been caused by an act or omission on his part in rendering the medical services or first aid assistance, unless it is established that the injuries or death were caused by gross negligence on his part.

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

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill gives protection from actions for damages to doctors, nurses and others rendering medical assistance as a result of an accident or in an emergency unless they are grossly negligent.

2. Definitions.

3. Self-explanatory.