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An Act respecting certain Hospital Boards

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1970)

**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 Hospital Statutes Amendment Act, 1970*.

2. *The Cancer Treatment and Prevention Act, 1967* is amended

(a) as to section 2 by adding after clause (c) the following clause:

(c1) "medical staff" means those duly qualified medical practitioners who are permitted to have their patients admitted to a hospital as in-patients by agreement or arrangement with the board, and does not include medical practitioners who are employees of the board;

(b) as to section 7 by adding after subsection (1) the following subsection:

(1a) Where a hospital services utilization committee is established for a hospital by the by-laws of the board, the Minister may also appoint one of the members of the medical staff of the hospital as a member of the board and in that case

(a) the members of the board shall consist of the members appointed under subsection (1) and the members appointed under this subsection, and

(b) a member so appointed holds office during the pleasure of the Minister but ceases to hold office in any event if he ceases to be a member of the medical staff of the hospital.

(c) by adding the following section after section 18:

**18a.** (1) The by-laws of the board under section 12 may provide for the establishment of a committee to be called the "hospital services utilization

## **Explanatory Notes**

**1. General.** This Bill amends the Acts establishing The Provincial Cancer Hospital Board, The Foothills and Glenrose Provincial General Hospital Boards and The University of Alberta Hospital Board. In each case, the Board's by-laws may provide for the establishment of a "hospital services utilization committee" which would be responsible for conducting a continuing review of utilization patterns of physicians using the hospital for their patients. If such a committee is established a member of the medical staff may then be appointed to the board of the hospital.

**2.** This section amends chapter 7 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1967. Section 7 presently reads:

7. (1) The board shall consist of not less than seven and not more than 11 members who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(2) Upon the removal of a member or upon the creation of a vacancy in a board by resignation or death, the Minister may appoint a member to fill the vacancy.

(3) The chairman of the board shall be appointed by the Minister from among the members of the board.

committee” for each hospital and consisting of members of the medical staff, and may prescribe the powers and duties of that committee.

(2) The hospital services utilization committee of a hospital, in addition to its powers and duties under the by-laws of the board,

(a) shall conduct a review of a continuing nature of the utilization of the hospital’s services in relation to patient care provided by the medical staff of the hospital, and

(b) is entitled to require from the board and its employees such information as the committee reasonably requires for the purposes of its duties and access to the relevant records of the board for those purposes.

**3. *The Provincial General Hospitals Act* is amended**

(a) as to section 2 by adding after clause (b) the following clause:

(b1) “medical staff” means those duly qualified medical practitioners who are permitted to have their patients admitted to a hospital as in-patients by agreement or arrangement with the board, and does not include medical practitioners who are employees of the board;

(b) as to section 7, by adding after subsection (1) the following subsection:

(1a) Where a hospital services utilization committee is established for a hospital by the by-laws of the board, the Minister may also appoint one of the members of the medical staff of the hospital as a member of the board and in that case

(a) the board shall consist of the members appointed under subsection (1) and the member appointed under this subsection, and

(b) the member so appointed holds office during the pleasure of the Minister but ceases to hold office in any event if he ceases to be a member of the medical staff of the hospital.

(c) by adding after section 18, the following section:

**19.** (1) The by-laws of a board under section 9 may provide for the establishment of a committee to be called the “hospital services utilization committee” for its hospital and consisting of members of the medical staff, and may prescribe the powers and duties of that committee.

(2) The hospital services utilization committee of a hospital, in addition to its powers and duties under the by-laws of the board,

**3.** This section amends chapter 64 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1959. Section 7 presently reads:

7. (1) A board shall consist of not more than nine members, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister.

(2) Upon the removal of a member or upon the creation of a vacancy in a board by resignation or death, the Minister may appoint the member to fill the vacancy.

- (a) shall conduct a review of a continuing nature of the utilization of the hospital's services in relation to patient care provided by the medical staff of the hospital, and
- (b) is entitled to require from the board and its employees such information as the committee reasonably requires for the purposes of its duties and access to the relevant records of the board for those purposes.

**4. *The University of Alberta Hospital Act* is amended**

- (a) as to section 2, subsection (1) by adding after clause (b) the following clause:

- (b1) "medical staff" means those duly qualified medical practitioners who are permitted to have their patients admitted to the hospital as in-patients by agreement or arrangement with the Board, and does not include medical practitioners who are employees of the Board.

- (b) as to section 5 by renumbering the section as subsection (1) and by adding the following subsection:

- (2) Where a hospital services utilization committee is established by the by-laws of the Board, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may also appoint one of the members of the medical staff of the hospital as a member of the Board and in that case

- (a) the Board shall consist of the persons referred to in subsection (1) and the member appointed under this subsection, and
    - (b) the member so appointed ceases to be a member of the Board if he ceases to be a member of the medical staff of the hospital.

- (c) by adding after section 20 the following section:

**21.** (1) The by-laws of the Board may provide for the establishment of a committee to be called the "hospitals services utilization committee" and consisting of members of the medical staff and may prescribe the powers and duties of that committee.

(2) The hospital services utilization committee of the hospital, in addition to its powers and duties under the by-laws of the Board,

- (a) shall conduct a review of a continuing nature of the utilization of the hospital's services in relation to patient care provided by the medical staff of the hospital, and

**4.** This section amends chapter 352 of the Revised Statutes.  
Section 5 presently reads:

**5.** The Board shall consist of

- (a) the president of the University or in his absence, the vice-president,
- (b) the dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the University or in his absence, the assistant dean, and
- (c) not more than seven other persons who shall be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(b) is entitled to require from the Board and its employees such information as the committee reasonably requires for the purposes of its duties and access to the relevant records of the Board for those purposes.

5. This Act comes into force on July 1, 1970.



