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THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETIES AMENDMENT ACT, 1973

(Assented to , 1973)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Agricultural Societies Act is hereby amended.

2. Section 3 is amended by adding after clause (f) the following clause:

(g) by conducting or promoting horse races where authorized to do so by a by-law of the society.

3. Section 31 is amended by striking out subsection (2) and by substituting therefor the following subsection:

(2) No society, company or board of management shall hold a fair, exhibition or horse race within 50 miles of the place where an existing society, company or board of management regularly holds a fair or exhibition unless

(a) it has the consent in writing of the Minister, or

(b) it held its fair or exhibition at that place in the year 1948.

4. Section 35 is struck out and the following section is substituted therefor:

35. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, by order, authorize the Minister to make grants to a society, company or board of management in such amounts and for such activities as are prescribed in the order.

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill will amend chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1970.

2. This provision will widen the objects of an agricultural society to allow a society to conduct horse races.

3. Section 31, subsection (2) presently reads:

(2) No society, company or board of management shall hold a fair or exhibition within fifty miles of the place where an existing society, company or board of management regularly holds a fair or exhibition unless

- (a) it has the consent in writing of the Minister, or
- (b) it held its fair or exhibition at that place in the year 1948.

4. Section 35 presently reads:

35. (1) A grant may be paid to a society or to a company or board of management organized for the purpose of holding any of the activities set out in subsection (2) out of money appropriated by the Legislature for the aid of agricultural societies.

(2) The grants which may be paid for each activity shall be calculated as follows:

- (a) for conducting an exhibition or fair, a grant based on a percentage of the amount actually paid in prizes and not exceeding a maximum sum, which may be fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and which shall be paid in such manner and in accordance with such provisions as the Lieutenant Governor in Council determines;
- (b) for conducting any activity that has been approved by the Minister,
 - (i) if the activity is one in which prizes are to be paid, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the amount actually paid out for prizes to competitors in the activity, but not exceeding a maximum sum which shall be set for each activity by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, or
 - (ii) if the activity is one in which prizes are not to be paid, a grant equal to fifty per cent of the actual expenses incurred in conducting the activity, but not exceeding a maximum sum which shall be set for each activity by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), no sum shall be paid to a society in excess of a sum bearing the same ratio to the moneys appropriated by the Legislature for the aid of agricultural societies in general as the sum permitted to be granted to the society bears to the total moneys permitted to be granted to all societies.

(4) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (2), if a society operates so near a provincial border that its activities serve areas outside the Province, the Minister may make grants to the society in proportion to the ratio of the activities of the society that serve the Province.

(5) No society, company or board of management

- (a) shall secure financial assistance under subsection (2) for more than four activities in any calendar year, or
- (b) shall receive more than one grant for each type of activity in any calendar year.

(6) In any case where the activities for which grants may be paid under subsection (2), clause (b) are conducted at the time of the exhibition, they shall be considered as part of the exhibition and are not eligible for separate grants, unless the Minister otherwise directs.

(7) The Minister may withhold payment of a grant in respect of any prize offered for an object that in his opinion is not calculated to promote the legitimate objects of an agricultural society.

(8) No incorporated company that permits voting by proxy or allows more than one vote to be exercised by each shareholder irrespective of the number of shares owned or controlled by the shareholder is entitled to any grant under this section.

5. Section 36 is struck out.

6. Section 38, subsection (4) is amended by striking out the figure “\$10,000,000” and substituting therefor the figure “\$15,000,000”.

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

5. Section 36 presently reads:

36. (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council, if he deems it proper to do so, may make a special grant to a society that has actually held an activity but failed to comply strictly with the requirements of section 35.

(2) The amount of a special grant shall not exceed the grant to which the society would have been entitled had it complied with the requirements of section 35.

6. Section 38 makes provision for provincial guarantees of certain types of borrowing by societies. Section 38, subsection (4) presently reads as follows:

(4) Notwithstanding anything in this section, at no time shall the principal amounts guaranteed under this section exceed in the aggregate the sum of \$10,000,000.