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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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An Act to amend The Child Welfare Act

MR. WILSON

First Reading

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(Assented to _____, 1973)

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

1. *The Child Welfare Act is hereby amended.*

2. *Section 41 is amended:*

(a) *by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:*

41. (1) Every person having information of, or on reasonable and probable grounds suspecting, the abandonment, desertion, ill-treatment or need for protection of a child shall report the information, or suspicions to the Director or any supervisor of the Department of Health and Social Development or a municipal welfare director or a solicitor acting on behalf of the Department of the Attorney General.

(b) *by adding the following subsection after subsection (2):*

(3) A person who fails to report information or suspicions as required in subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not less than \$500 and not more than \$1,000, and in default of payment, to a term of imprisonment of not less than two months and not more than one year, or to both fine and imprisonment.

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

Explanatory Notes

A Bill making the reporting of child abuse mandatory. Section 41, subsection (1), presently reads:

41. (1) Every person having information of the abandonment, desertion, physical ill-treatment or need for protection of a child shall report the information to the Director or any supervisor of the Department of Social Development or a municipal welfare director or a solicitor acting on behalf of the Department of the Attorney General.