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### **THE GOVERNMENT COMPUTER PRIVACY ACT**

*(Assented to , 1974)*

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

**1.** In this Act,

- (a) "data" means information that has been fed into and stored in a data bank;
- (b) "data bank" means a filing system (including a computer) that records and stores information;
- (c) "Minister" means the Provincial Treasurer;
- (d) "operator" means the person responsible for the operation of a data bank and for the introduction into and extraction from it of data.

**2.** (1) The Minister shall cause a register to be kept of all data banks operated by the Government of Alberta and any boards, commissions or agencies thereof.

(2) The register shall set forth, in respect of each data bank,

- (a) the nature of the data stored or to be stored therein,
- (b) the purpose for which data is stored therein, and
- (c) the class of persons authorized to extract data therefrom.

(3) The operator of the data bank shall furnish the information referred to in subsection (2).

(4) The operator shall advise the Minister of any alterations or additions to or deletions from the said information within four weeks of such alteration, addition or deletion.

**3.** Only data relevant to the purposes for which the data bank is operated shall be stored therein.

**4.** Data in a Government data bank

- (a) that relates to the personal history or record of an adult or a child, and

- (b) which has come into existence through any Government department, board, commission or agency, shall not be disclosed to any person outside the department, board, commission or agency which compiled the data except
- (c) upon an order of the Legislative Assembly, or
- (d) upon the written consent of the adult or of the parent or guardian of the child, or
- (e) at a trial, hearing or proceeding the authority for which is provided by another Act.

**5. Where the Minister**

- (a) permits data stored in a data bank to be used for purposes other than those stated on the register, or
- (b) allows access to the said data to persons other than those entered on the register as having authorized access,

he shall be liable in damages to the person whose personal data is involved and, where such acts or omissions are wilful, is guilty of an offence and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000.

**6.** The Minister shall make an annual report setting forth the information contained in the data bank register, which report shall be tabled before the Legislative Assembly before March 1st in each year or, if the Legislature is not then sitting, within 15 days of the commencement of the next ensuing session thereof.

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