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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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(Assented to , 1980)

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

1. The Child Welfare Act is amended by this Act.

2. Section 41 is amended

(a) by adding the following after subsection (1):

(1.1) For the purposes of subsection (1), "person" includes the Director and any employee of the department.

(b) by repealing subsection (3) and substituting:

(3) Any person who fails to comply with this section, in addition to any civil liability, is guilty of an offence and liable upon summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$1000 and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both fine and imprisonment.

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

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill will amend chapter 45 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1970.
2. Section 41 presently reads as follows:

41(1) Any person who has reasonable and probable ground to believe and believes that a child has been abandoned, deserted, physically ill-treated or is in need of protection shall forthwith report the ground of such belief to the Director or to any child welfare worker of the Department.

(2) Subsection (1) applies notwithstanding that the ground for belief is information that is confidential or privileged, and no action lies against the person so reporting unless the provision of the report is done maliciously or without reasonable and probable ground for belief.