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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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HEALTH OCCUPATIONS AMENDMENT ACT, 1983

HON. MR. KING

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 1983)

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

1 The Health Occupations Act is amended by this Act.

2 Section 2(4) is repealed and the following is substituted:

(4) Subject to section 4(1.1), this Act does not apply to a person who is entitled to practise a health occupation pursuant to any other Act.

3 Section 4 is amended

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

(1.1) The Board shall conduct an investigation into a health occupation if an application has been made by a professional association representing the majority of the persons who are

(a) engaged in that health occupation, and

(b) entitled to practise the health occupation pursuant to any other Act

for the purpose of determining if the health occupation should be designated as a designated health occupation under this Act.

(b) in subsections (2), (3) and (5), by adding "or (1.1)" after "subsection (1)".

Explanatory Notes

1 This Bill will amend chapter H-5.1 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

2 Section 2(4) presently reads:

(4) This Act does not apply to a person who is entitled to practise a health occupation under any other Act.

3 Section 4 presently reads:

4(1) The Board shall conduct an investigation into a health occupation in respect of which

(a) an application has been made by or on behalf of an association of persons who are engaged in that health occupation for it to be designated as a designated health occupation under this Act, or

(b) the Minister has directed the Board to make an investigation

for the purpose of determining if the health occupation should be designated as a designated health occupation under this Act.

(2) In conducting an investigation into a health occupation under subsection (1) the Board shall consult with any association of persons engaged in the practice of that health occupation or any association of persons that has as one of its objects the advancement or promotion of the practice of that health occupation.

(3) In conducting an investigation into a health occupation under subsection (1), the Board shall ascertain

(a) the tasks involved in the practice of that health occupation and the complexity of those tasks,

(b) the degree of direction or supervision that a person who engages in the practice of that health occupation in the course of his employment receives with respect to that practice,

(c) what educational programs approved by the Minister of Advanced Education and Manpower exist in Alberta for that health occupation, and

4 *Section 33 is repealed.*

5 *The following is added after section 39:*

SCHEDULE

Designated Health Occupations

The following health occupations are designated as health occupations for the purposes of this Act:

- (a) Emergency Medical Technicians — Paramedics;

(d) what educational programs exist outside of Alberta for that health occupation.

(4) The Board shall, having regard to the matters ascertained under subsection (3),

(a) evaluate the degree of direct and personal impact that the care or treatment that is normally provided by a person engaged in the practice of that health occupation may have on the health of persons to whom that care or treatment is provided,

(b) determine what services members of that health occupation may provide to persons requiring care and treatment within the scope of that health occupation and any limitations or conditions applicable to the provision of those services,

(c) evaluate the extent of independence of practice in that health occupation that is necessary or desirable for a person who is, in the course of his employment, engaged in that practice,

(d) consider what qualifications may be desirable for applicants for registration to practise in that health occupation, whether with respect to education, training or possession of a specified body of knowledge or technical proficiency, and

(e) consider what may be minimum standards of competency to be required of members of that health occupation in the practice of their occupation.

(5) On completing an investigation under subsection (1), the Board shall, if it is satisfied, having regard to the matters ascertained, evaluated, determined and considered under subsections (3) and (4), that the potential for and degree of risk of harm to the public that may result from the practice of that health occupation is such that the health occupation investigated by the Board should be a designated health occupation under this Act, submit to the Minister a full report on the investigation and recommend to the Minister that legislation be enacted to designate that health occupation as a designated health occupation.

4 Section 33 presently reads:

33 The Dental Association Act is amended

(a) by repealing section 60(2) and substituting the following:

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply so as to prohibit a member of the Association from employing any person to perform in the field of dentistry any duties that the person is qualified and authorized under any other Act to perform.

(b) by repealing section 56.

5 Designates 3 health occupations as designated health occupations under the Act.

- (b) Respiratory Technologists;
- (c) Medical Radiation Technologists.

6 *The Dental Association Act is amended*

(a) *by repealing section 60(2) and substituting the following:*

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply so as to prohibit a member of the Association from employing any person to perform in the field of dentistry any duties that the person is qualified and authorized under any other Act to perform.

(b) *by repealing section 66(3).*

7 *The Radiological Technicians Act is amended*

(a) *in the title, by adding “(INDUSTRIAL)” after “RADIOLOGICAL”;*

(b) *by repealing section 1(b);*

(c) *by repealing Part 1;*

(d) *in section 11 by striking out “or” at the end of clause (f), by adding “or” at the end of clause (g) and by adding the following after clause (g):*

(h) a person registered under the *Health Occupations Act* as a medical radiation technologist.

(e) *by repealing sections 12, 14(1)(b), 14(2) and 16.*

8 *The Canadian Society of Radiological Technicians (Alberta Division) Act is repealed.*

9 *This Act comes into force on Proclamation.*

6 Amends chapter D-7 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

7 Consequential amendment to chapter R-3 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

8 Repeals chapter 77 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1963.