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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PUBLIC AMBULANCE ACT

MR. MARTIN

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1984)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) "ambulance" means a conveyance to transport persons requiring medical care, and that is designed, constructed or equipped for that purpose;
- (b) "ambulance service" means the business of transporting persons by ambulance;
- (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care.

Registration

2(1) Every person who is operating an ambulance service at the commencement of this Act shall, within 90 days, apply to the Minister to be registered under this Act.

(2) No person shall operate an ambulance service unless he is registered under this Act.

(3) Every application for registration shall be made in the prescribed form and manner and shall be accompanied by the prescribed information.

Licensing

3(1) The Minister may, by order, require that every person who operates a prescribed type of ambulance service be licensed under this Act.

(2) Where the Minister has made an order under this section, no person shall thereafter operate the prescribed type of ambulance service unless he holds a valid and subsisting licence issued to him under this Act.

(3) A licence issued under this Act may be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained in it.

Refusal of licence

4 The Minister may refuse to issue a licence under this Act where, in his opinion,

(a) the applicant is not complying with, or does not in his opinion have the ability to comply with, this Act and the regulations,

(b) the applicant is not operating, or does not in his opinion, have the financial ability to operate, the ambulance service in a manner that will comply with this Act and the regulations, or

(c) there is no public need for the type of ambulance service applied for in the area in which the applicant proposes to operate.

Suspension of licence

5(1) The Minister may at any time suspend, for the period of time he considers appropriate, a licence issued under this Act where, in his opinion,

(a) the operator of the ambulance service is not complying with this Act and the regulations, or

(b) the health, safety or proper care of persons being transported by the ambulance service is at risk or being adversely affected.

(2) The Minister may make inquiries and require from any person the information he considers necessary to determine whether a licence to operate an ambulance service should be issued or suspended.

Agreements

6 The Minister may enter into an agreement with any person who operates or undertakes to operate an ambulance service, for the purpose of providing an ambulance service in a specific area, and may make the agreement subject to any term or condition prescribed by the regulations.

Regulations

7 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) providing for standards of construction and maintenance required for one or more types of ambulance;

(b) providing for standards of equipment and supplies to be carried in an ambulance while it is being used, or while it is being held out as being available for use, as an ambulance;

(c) providing for standards of training and qualifications required of any person who assists in the operation of an ambulance;

(d) prescribing the records to be maintained by an operator of an ambulance service, and the form in which they are to be maintained;

(e) prescribing records to be submitted to the Minister by the operator of an ambulance service, and the form, time and manner in which they are to be submitted;

(f) prescribing the system of communications to be established and maintained by the Minister for use throughout the Province by the Minister, his designated representatives and the operators of ambulance services;

(g) prescribing the terms and conditions under which the Minister may enter into an agreement with the operator of an ambulance service pursuant to section 6.

Coming into
force

8 This Act comes into force on a date to be fixed by Proclamation, which shall not be earlier than the effective date of an appropriation of money by the Legislature to the purposes of this Act.