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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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ALBERTA HEALTH COUNCIL ACT

MRS. HEWES

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1987)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “Committee” means the Select Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly on Legislative Offices;
- (b) “Council” means the Alberta Health Council established pursuant to section 2;
- (c) “Minister” means the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care.

Incorporation of Council

2(1) There is hereby established the Alberta Health Council.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall appoint 15 persons to be members of the Council.

(3) The members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall be selected from those nominated by the Committee pursuant to section 3.

(4) No more than 7 of those appointed to the Council shall be active members of the medical or any other health related profession.

(5) No member of the Public Service of Alberta nor any Member or previous Member of the Legislative Assembly may be appointed to the Council.

(6) Members of the Council shall be appointed for a term of 3 years and may serve on the Council only for 2 terms, whether or not the terms are contiguous.

Nominations by
Committee

3(1) The Committee shall nominate no less than 20 and no more than 30 persons to the Lieutenant Governor in Council as candidates for appointment to the Council.

(2) The Committee shall endeavour to include in its nominations, persons representing different regional, economic and professional sectors of the population, but shall not give particular recognition to representation of special interest groups.

(3) The Committee shall advertise for applications and nominations for membership in the Council and may interview candidates, nominators or any other persons and may establish the procedure it considers to be most effective in order to select the names to be nominated to the Lieutenant Governor in Council pursuant to this section.

Objects of
Council

4(1) The objects of the Council are to provide an objective and independent analysis of health care programs and deliveries in Alberta and to review other options for Alberta.

(2) To achieve its objects, the Council

(a) may initiate and carry out or cause to be carried out research on health care,

(b) may evaluate existing health care programs in Alberta,

(c) may study alternate health care programs, and

(d) shall publish its findings and recommendations and shall issue a report at least once a year

relating to the maintenance and improvement of health care and its delivery in Alberta.

(3) Any report made by the Council shall be provided to the Minister who shall table it in the Legislative Assembly no later than the 5th sitting day after he receives it.

Continuation of
membership

5 If, at the end of the term of office of a member of the Council, the term has not been renewed or a successor has not been appointed the member shall remain in office until his appointment is renewed, a successor is appointed or 3 months has expired from the end of his appointed term whichever first occurs.

Remuneration	6 Members of the Council may be paid such remuneration and receive such reimbursement for expenses incurred on Council business as is authorized by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, providing that money has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.
Staff	<p>7(1) The Council at its first meeting shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and such other officers as it deems appropriate.</p> <p>(2) The Council may appoint an Executive Secretary and employ such staff, pursuant to the <i>Public Service Act</i>, and retain on contract such outside consultants and experts as it considers necessary for the fulfillment of its duties, providing that money has been appropriated to that purpose by the Legislature.</p>
Department assistance	8 The Council may request information and advice from the Minister and the Minister shall provide it, if it is readily available and not subject to specific, actual and necessary restraints of confidentiality.
Meetings	<p>9(1) The quorum for a meeting of the Council is 7 members present in person.</p> <p>(2) The Council shall meet at least once in every month.</p> <p>(3) The Council may establish by-laws governing its procedure and the administration of its affairs, consistent with this Act.</p>
Funding	10 The Council shall submit for each fiscal year, an estimate for the sums of money required for its operations to the Committee and the Committee shall review and may amend the estimates before approval, and cause the reviewed, amended and approved estimates to be presented to the Legislative Assembly together with the Legislative Assembly estimates.