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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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PUBLIC AMBULANCE ACT

MRS. HEWES

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1988)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

(a) "Board" means the Alberta Ambulance Board established
pursuant to section 5;

(b) "Minister" means the Minister of Hospitals and Medical
Care.

Licence

2 No person shall operate an ambulance service unless he is the
holder of a licence issued to him by the Minister.

**Terms and
conditions of
licences**

3(1) The Minister may, by regulation, prescribe the form of an
application for a licence and terms and conditions upon which a
licence may be granted under this Act.

(2) The Minister may grant a licence to a person who applies and
who qualifies for a licence.

(3) The Minister may issue a licence for a restricted period or
subject to the terms and conditions contained in it.

Service standards

4 The Minister shall not issue a licence to any person for an
ambulance service unless the service complies with the standards
established pursuant to section 6.

Board established

5(1) There is hereby established a board named the Alberta Ambulance Board, consisting of 7 members.

(2) Four of the members of the Board shall be those persons nominated by the Alberta Ambulance Operators' Association.

(3) Three of the members of the Board shall be nominated by the Minister.

(4) The Board shall elect a chairman from amongst its members.

(5) The Board may pass by-laws governing its own internal procedures.

(6) A quorum of the Board is 5 members, present in person.

Standards for
licensees

6 The Board shall recommend to the Minister standards for the licensing of ambulance services with respect to

(a) the structure, design, equipment and maintenance of vehicles,

(b) the equipment and medical supplies to be carried in an ambulance,

(c) the training to be received by staff of an ambulance service,

(d) the inspection of ambulance service vehicles, equipment, supplies and staff,

(e) the procedures to be followed by an ambulance service,

(f) the specifications, equipment, supplies and training to be provided for an air ambulance service,

(g) operating guidelines for an air ambulance service,

Regulations

7(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations establishing standards for an ambulance service.

(2) Prior to the issuance of a regulation under subsection (1), the Lieutenant Governor in Council shall consider the recommendations made by the Board with respect to the regulation in question and, if the regulations proposed differ in substance from the recommendations of the Board, shall give the Board an opportunity to comment on the differences prior to the issuance of the regulations.

Standards for
rural and urban
areas

8 Regulations made pursuant to this Act may establish different standards for ambulance services operating in rural and urban areas.

Regulations
tabled

9(1) The Minister shall, prior to May 1st in each year, table in the Legislative Assembly a copy of every regulation passed pursuant to this section during the previous year.

(2) If the Legislative Assembly does not sit prior to May 1st in any year, the Minister shall, prior to May 1st, send to every member of the Legislative Assembly a copy of every regulation passed pursuant to this section during the previous calendar year.

Grants

10(1) The Minister may make grants to support the operation of an ambulance service licensed pursuant to this Act.

(2) Grants under subsection (1) may only be made if there is money available in a supply vote appropriated to the purpose of this Act by the Legislature.

Merger

11(1) The Minister may authorize a merger between 2 or more ambulance services previously operating independently.

(2) Where permitted by the regulations, the Minister may authorize an co-operating agreement between 2 or more ambulance services which operate in contiguous areas providing for co-operation between those services to enable them to meet the standards set in the regulations, where he is satisfied that the ambulance services resulting from the co-operation will be to the public interest.