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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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ALBERTA BILL OF RESPONSIBILITIES

MR. SHARIFF

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to , 1998)

WHEREAS Albertans enjoy those rights and freedoms set out in the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* and the *Alberta Bill of Rights*; and

WHEREAS Alberta society has historically recognized that individuals have certain responsibilities and obligations to themselves, their fellow citizens and to society as a whole that correspond with the rights and freedoms they enjoy in a free and democratic society; and

WHEREAS the Legislature of Alberta wishes to recognize and affirm the principles of individual responsibility and respect that exist in Alberta;

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

Individual
responsibility
to others

1 It is hereby recognized and declared that in Alberta individuals have a responsibility to

- (a) respect the rights of others to life, liberty, security of the person and enjoyment of property,
- (b) abide by the law,
- (c) respect the religions of others,
- (d) allow others to exercise freedom of speech, including freedom of the press, without impediment, and

- (e) ensure that freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom of association are not used to impede the rights and freedoms of others.

Individual's
responsibility

2 It is recognized and declared that individuals are responsible for

- (a) their actions and the consequences of those actions,
- (b) the actions of their minor children,
- (c) providing a safe, secure and nurturing environment for their families, and
- (d) maintaining and protecting their children until the children reach the age of majority.

Collective
responsibility

3 It is recognized and declared that the Government has a responsibility to

- (a) preserve and manage Alberta's environment and natural resources for future generations,
- (b) exercise fiscal responsibility to ensure that it operates within its means, and
- (c) promote individual well-being by maintaining effective health care, education and social welfare systems.

Ministerial
responsibility

4 Before a Minister makes public a ministry's business plan under section 13 of the *Government Accountability Act*, the Minister must consider whether the business plan complies with this Act.

Construction of
Act

5 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as abrogating, abridging or infringing any rights or freedoms established by law.