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(Assented to , 1999)

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

Definitions **1** In this Act,

- (a) "Advisory Council" means the Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Health;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Health.

Advisory Council established

2(1) The Alberta Advisory Council on Women's Health is established.

- (2) The purposes of the Advisory Council are
 - (a) to advise, report to and make recommendations to the Minister on health matters of current and potential interest to women in Alberta;
 - (b) to foster awareness and to encourage public discussion on matters relating to women's health goals and services;
 - (c) to review, analyze, consult and make recommendations to the Minister respecting programs and services relating to women's health;
 - (d) to undertake additional activities at the request of the Minister.

(3) The Advisory Council shall make its recommendations to the Government through the Minister.

(4) In carrying out its purposes, the Advisory Council may

- (a) receive and hear petitions and submissions from individuals and groups respecting women's health issues;
- (b) provide information to the public and publish reports on matters affecting women's health;
- (c) access research and data on which to base studies and make recommendations on matters of concern respecting women's health;
- (d) appoint committees consisting of members of the Advisory Council and other persons.

Advisory Council members **3(1)** The Advisory Council shall consist of not more than 10 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council for terms not exceeding 3 years.

(2) At least one member of the Council shall be appointed from each of the following:

- (a) the Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) the Alberta Healthcare Association;
- (c) the Alberta Medical Association;
- (d) a university as defined in the Universities Act;
- (e) the Alberta Cancer Board;
- (f) the Alberta Association of Registered Nurses.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the members appointed from the Legislative Assembly to chair the Advisory Council.

(4) A member of the Advisory Council continues to hold office after the expiry of that member's term of office until

(a) the member is reappointed,

- (b) a successor is appointed, or
- (c) a period of 3 months has elapsed,

whichever occurs first.

- Staff **4** In accordance with the *Public Service Act*, there may be appointed the employees required to conduct the business of the Advisory Council.
- Meetings **5** The Advisory Council shall meet at least 4 times in the first year after the coming into force of this Act and at least 4 times in each of the following calendar years.
- By-laws **6(1)** The Advisory Council may make by-laws for the conduct of its business and affairs.

(2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to the by-laws of the Council.

Annual report 7(1) Before June 30 in each year, the chair of the Advisory Council shall submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities undertaken by the Advisory Council during the previous fiscal year.

(2) The Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is sitting, and if it is not, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

- Expiry 8 This Act expires 3 years after coming into force unless it is continued for a further period by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.
- Coming into force on Proclamation.