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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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RESIDENTIAL CARE HOUSING COMMITTEE ACT

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First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2001)

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 Residential Care Housing Committee established under section 2;
- (b) “Minister” means the Minister of Health and Wellness;
- (c) “residential care” means a residence in which personal assistance, lodging and meals are provided for compensation to persons who are 18 years of age or older who are unrelated to the operator.

Committee established

2(1) The Residential Care Housing Committee is established.

(2) The purposes of the Committee are

- (a) to develop standards for residential care governing
 - (i) the level of care,
 - (ii) the type of accommodation to be provided and maintained,
 - (iii) the safety and security of persons in care;
- (b) to develop methods for monitoring residential care homes

to ensure compliance with the standards established under this section;

- (c) to establish a registry, to be operated on a voluntary basis, of residential care homes
 - (i) that do not receive government funding, and
 - (ii) in which 1 to 3 persons receive residential care;
- (d) to develop education programs for residential care operators.

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

(4) In carrying out its purposes, the Committee may

- (a) receive and hear submissions from individuals and groups respecting the views and concerns of persons living in residential care;
- (b) provide information to the general public on the purposes of the Committee and matters affecting residential care;
- (c) access research and data on which to base studies and make recommendations on matters of concern to persons in residential care;
- (d) appoint subcommittees consisting of members of the Committee and other persons.

Committee
members

3(1) The Committee shall consist of not more than 20 members appointed by the Minister for terms not exceeding 2 years.

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

- (a) the Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- (b) the departments of
 - (i) Children's Services,
 - (ii) Community Development,
 - (iii) Health and Wellness,

- (iv) Human Resources and Employment,
 - (v) Justice,
 - (vi) Municipal Affairs,
 - (vii) Seniors;
- (c) a regional health authority under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*;
- (d) the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association;
- (e) the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties;
- (f) the Seniors Advisory Council for Alberta or the Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

(3) The Minister shall designate one of the members as chairperson of the Committee.

(4) A member of the Committee 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.

(5) A member of the Committee is eligible for reappointment.

(6) The members of the Committee may be paid

- (a) remuneration, and
- (b) travelling, living and other expenses incurred in the course of their duties under this Act,

as determined by the Minister.

4(1) The Minister may appoint an employee of the Government under the Minister's administration as the Executive Director of the Committee who shall, under the direction of the chairperson of the

Committee, assist the Committee in carrying out its duties and functions and exercising its powers.

(2) The Minister shall provide to the Committee the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's administration and supplies for the purpose of carrying out the work that the Committee may reasonably require to enable it to carry out its duties and functions and exercise its powers.

By-laws and meetings

5(1) The Committee may make by-laws for the conduct of its business and affairs.

(2) The Committee shall meet at least 2 times in the year this Act comes into force and at least 4 times in each of the following calendar years.

(3) A majority of the members appointed constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

Annual report

6(1) One year after the date this Act comes into force, and every subsequent year on the same date, the chairperson of the Committee shall submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities undertaken by the Committee 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

7 This Act expires 4 years after coming into force unless it is continued for a further period by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Coming into force

8 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.