

Bill 4

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PUBLIC HEALTH AMENDMENT ACT, 2002

(Assented to , 2002)

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

Amends RSA 2000 cP-37

1 The *Public Health Act* is amended by this Act.

2 Section 1 is amended

(a) by adding the following after clause (ee):

(ee.1) “nurse practitioner” means a registered nurse within
the meaning of the *Nursing Profession Act* who
provides health services in accordance with the
regulations;

(b) by repealing clause (II).

3 Section 11 is repealed and the following is substituted:

Nurse practitioners

11 Notwithstanding the *Medical Profession Act* and the
Pharmaceutical Profession Act, a nurse practitioner may
provide the health services permitted under the regulations.

**4 Section 22(2) and (3) are repealed and the following are
substituted:**

(2) Where a physician, a nurse practitioner or a midwife knows or has reason to believe that a person under the care in a hospital of the physician, nurse practitioner or midwife is infected with a disease to which subsection (1) applies, the physician, nurse practitioner or midwife shall, in addition to carrying out the physician's, nurse practitioner's or midwife's responsibilities under subsection (1), immediately inform the medical director or other person in charge of the hospital, and the medical director shall notify the medical officer of health of the regional health authority by telephone or in accordance with the prescribed form.

(3) Where a physician, a community health nurse, a nurse practitioner, a midwife or a person in charge of an institution knows or has reason to believe that a person under the care, custody, supervision or control of the physician, community health nurse, nurse practitioner, midwife or person in charge of an institution is infected with a disease referred to in section 20(2), the physician, community health nurse, nurse practitioner, midwife or person in charge of an institution shall, within 48 hours, notify the Chief Medical Officer in the prescribed form.

5 Section 39(1) is amended by striking out “registered nurse providing extended health services” wherever it occurs and substituting “nurse practitioner”.

6 Section 66(1)(aa), (bb) and (cc) are repealed and the following is substituted:

- (aa) respecting the health services that may be provided by a nurse practitioner and respecting the terms and conditions under which those services may be provided;
- (bb) respecting any additional training and experience that may be required by a nurse practitioner to be eligible to provide particular health services;
- (cc) respecting any conditions relating to the employment or engagement of a nurse practitioner;

7 The *Health Professions Act* is amended by repealing section 147(6) and substituting the following:

(6) The *Public Health Act* is amended in section 1

- (a) in clause (ee.1) by striking out “*Nursing Profession Act*” and substituting “*Health Professions Act*”;**
- (b) in clause (g) by striking out “as defined in the *Nursing Profession Act*” and substituting “within the meaning of the *Health Professions Act*”.**

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter P-37 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

2 Section 1(11) presently reads:

(11) “*registered nurse providing extended health services*” means a registered nurse as defined in the *Nursing Profession Act* who is employed or engaged by a regional health authority or a provincial health board established under the *Regional Health Authorities Act* or the Department to provide the extended health services referred to in section 11;

3 Section 11 presently reads:

11 Notwithstanding the Medical Profession Act and the Pharmaceutical Profession Act, a registered nurse providing extended health services may provide the extended health services permitted under the regulations.

4 Consequential to name change.

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6 Consequential to name change. Section 66(1)(aa), (bb) and (cc) presently read:

66(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

(aa) respecting the extended health services that may be provided by a registered nurse providing extended health services and respecting the terms and conditions under which those services may be provided;

(bb) respecting any additional training and experience that may be required by a registered nurse providing extended health services to be eligible to provide particular extended health services;

(cc) respecting any conditions relating to the employment or engagement of a registered nurse providing extended health services;

7 Consequential amendment to Health Professions Act.