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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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**ALBERTA COMMISSION ON THE
STATUS OF MEN ACT**

MR. YANKOWSKY

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2003)

Preamble

WHEREAS the past few decades have brought significant changes to the role of men in society and in the family; and

WHEREAS issues surrounding men's health, mortality rates and educational achievement levels mandate investigation and initiatives;

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) "Commission" means the Alberta Commission on the Status of Men established in section 2;
- (b) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Commission established

2(1) The Alberta Commission on the Status of Men is established.

(2) The purposes of the Commission are to

- (a) study health problems unique to men or which predominantly affect men and make recommendations on appropriate Government initiatives;
 - (b) examine and advise on issues of cultural bias and stereotyping affecting men;
 - (c) review, analyze and advise on challenges confronting men including
 - (i) educational prospects for boys and young men,
 - (ii) mortality and suicide rates,
 - (iii) family relations, and
 - (iv) the role of fathers;
 - (d) review and recommend initiatives and programs to enable men to develop career skills including continuing education.
- (3)** In carrying out its purposes, the Commission may
- (a) receive and hear submissions from individuals and groups on issues concerning men,
 - (b) provide information to the public and publish reports on matters affecting men,
 - (c) access research and data on which to base studies and make recommendations on matters concerning men.

Commission membership

- 3(1)** The Commission shall consist of not more than 7 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Minister for terms not exceeding 3 years.
- (2)** The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall designate one of the members as chair of the Commission and one member as vice-chair, who is to perform all the duties of the chair when that individual is unable to act for any reason.
- (3)** Members of the Commission may be reappointed once.
- (4)** A member of the Commission continues to hold office after the expiry of that member's term of office until
- (a) subject to subsection (3), the member is reappointed,

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

whichever occurs first.

(5) Provided that funds are allocated by the Legislative Assembly for the purpose, members of the Commission may receive

- (a) remuneration as prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and
- (b) reasonable living and traveling expenses incurred in the course of their duties as members.

Staff

4 The Minister shall provide to the Commission the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's supervision and any supplies that they may reasonably require to fulfill their responsibilities and conduct their affairs.

Report

5(1) Before June 30 in each year, the chair of the Commission shall submit to the Minister an annual report of the activities undertaken by the Commission during the previous fiscal year.

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

Bylaws

6(1) The Commission may make bylaws for the conduct of its business and affairs.

(2) The *Regulations Act* does not apply to the bylaws of the Commission.

Coming into force

7 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.