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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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*(Assented to* \_\_\_\_\_ *, 2005)*

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

#### **Definitions**

**1** In this Act,

- (a) “AEEA” means the Alberta Energy Efficiency Agency;
- (b) “Commission” means the Commission to establish the Alberta Energy Efficiency Agency appointed under section 2;
- (c) “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

#### **Commission**

**2(1)** The Commission to establish the Alberta Energy Efficiency Agency is hereby established.

**(2)** Within 3 months of the day this Act comes into force, the Lieutenant Governor in Council must appoint 5 people to serve on the Commission.

**(3)** The people appointed to the Commission must consist of

- (a) two persons representing the engineering, architecture or design professions, each with a background in environmental design and energy efficiency, one having expertise in

residential buildings and the other having expertise in commercial buildings,

- (b) one person with qualifications and training in environmental economics and policy,
- (c) one person nominated by a research-based environmental advocacy organization, and
- (d) one person nominated by an accredited university in Alberta with an academic background in environmental economic policy.

**(4)** The members of the Commission must, at the first meeting of the Commission in each year, elect from among their members a chair and one or more vice-chairs.

### **Function**

**3(1)** The function of the Commission is to investigate and report on how the Alberta Energy Efficiency Agency should be established and how the objectives in subsection (2) can be accomplished.

**(2)** The role of the AEEA will be to

- (a) establish an interest-free loan program to retrofit residences, farms, businesses and municipal buildings to improve energy efficiency;
- (b) set eligibility criteria and repayment terms for the loan program including
  - (i) maximum loan eligibility,
  - (ii) guidelines for determining energy savings that must be factored into the terms of loan repayment,
  - (iii) mandatory energy audits by an accredited agency,
  - (iv) repayment through the AEEA or any utility provider.

**(3)** The Commission must hold public hearings throughout Alberta prior to issuing its report.

**(4)** In performing its functions, the Commission may use any means of electronic communication to communicate with the public.

## **Report**

**4(1)** Not later than 6 months after the members of the Commission are appointed under section 2, the Commission must complete its work and provide a report to the Minister.

**(2)** Upon receipt of the Commission's report, the Minister must immediately make it public by

- (a) if the Assembly is sitting, tabling it in the Assembly, or
- (b) if the Assembly is not sitting,
  - (i) providing it to the Clerk of the Assembly for distribution to every Member of the Assembly, and
  - (ii) making it available to the public.

**(3)** Within 6 months of the receipt of the Commission's report by the Minister or the next ensuing sitting of the Assembly, a member of the Executive Council must introduce a Bill in the Assembly to create the AEEA.

**(4)** The Government must take all reasonable steps to ensure that the Bill introduced under subsection (3) is promptly moved at all stages of debate so that if it passes all stages, it can come to a vote in the Assembly at third reading 30 days after introduction.

## **Coming into force**

**5** This Act comes into force on January 1, 2006.