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ALBERTA CANCER PREVENTION LEGACY ACT

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Preamble

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to addressing and managing the growing demand for cancer services now and into the future;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to addressing the apparent increase in cancer through targeted prevention, screening and research in collaboration with the public sector, the private sector and not-for-profit organizations around the world;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta has a deep and well-established commitment to providing high quality services to those who are diagnosed with cancer and to reduce the mortality rate of Albertans from cancer;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is recognized around the world for leading-edge innovation in cancer research, screening, treatment and prevention and intends to work co-operatively with

other jurisdictions to further develop and expand this expertise and to share leading edge practice and innovation in cancer prevention and screening;

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) “Board” means the Alberta Cancer Board;
- (b) “Fund” means the Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund;
- (c) “Minister” means the Minister of Health and Wellness.

Purpose

2 The purpose of this Act is

- (a) to support and encourage cancer prevention initiatives, including research, education, public policy development and social marketing initiatives and, without restricting the generality of the foregoing,
 - (i) to support and promote expanded and new cancer screening programs to detect signs of cancer at an early stage;
 - (ii) to support and promote the creation and operation of a virtual research institute to co-ordinate cancer research in Alberta;
 - (iii) to support and promote the co-ordination of and collaboration on public, private, provincial, national and international research and screening programs;
- (b) to support and encourage any other initiatives set out in the regulations.

Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund

3(1) The Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund is established.

(2) The Minister of Finance shall hold and administer the Fund and has the same powers of investment with respect to the Fund that the Minister of Finance has with respect to the General Revenue Fund under the *Financial Administration Act*.

(3) The income of the Fund accrues to and forms part of the Fund.

(4) The Minister of Finance shall, as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year of the Crown, prepare a report summarizing the transactions and affairs of the Fund during the preceding fiscal year and shall lay a copy of it before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting, and if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Plan and budget

4(1) The Board shall, in consultation with the Minister, regional health authorities and other persons the Minister considers appropriate, develop an annual plan and budget to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(2) On or before a date determined by the Minister in each year, the Board shall submit to the Minister, for the Minister's approval, its annual plan and budget.

Payment into the Fund

5 An amount of \$500 000 000 shall be paid into the Fund from the General Revenue Fund.

Payments from the Fund

6(1) The Minister of Finance shall, at the request of the Minister made on reasonable notice, pay money from the Fund that is required by the Minister for the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Minister may, in accordance with the annual plan and budget referred to in section 4, expend money received under subsection (1), including making grants.

(3) Money expended under this section may be paid to the Board and any other person the Minister determines.

(4) The Minister may impose terms and conditions on the making of grants, including conditions that the money be granted only to match funds provided by others.

Regulations

7 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) respecting other initiatives for the purpose of section 2(b);
- (b) respecting applications to the Minister for money from the Fund;
- (c) respecting reporting and accounting obligations with respect to the Fund;
- (d) respecting any other matter the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

Coming into force

8 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.