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

Definition

1 In this Act, “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Rebate

2 If authorized by the regulations, the Minister may, in accordance with the regulations, provide a rebate with respect to the purchase of oil or propane for residential, commercial or industrial heating purposes within Alberta.

Terms and conditions

3 A rebate is subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the oil or propane shall not, except under special circumstances approved by the Minister, be used in an area that is
 - (i) subject to an agreement under section 45 of the *Municipal Government Act* with respect to natural gas, or
 - (ii) a franchise area as defined in section 1(f) of the *Gas Distribution Act*;
- (b) the terms and conditions that may be prescribed by regulation;
- (c) any terms and conditions the Minister considers appropriate.

Repayment of rebate

4(1) The Minister may require repayment of a rebate, in whole or in part, by a recipient of a rebate who

- (a) receives the rebate contrary to a provision of this Act,
- (b) does not comply with a term or condition of the rebate, or
- (c) fails to disclose or misrepresents a material fact in the application for the rebate.

(2) An amount required to be repaid under subsection (1) is a debt due to the Government.

(3) The Minister may bring an action in debt to collect the debt due.

Offences and penalties

5 A person is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10 000 if the person

- (a) fails to disclose or misrepresents a material fact in the application for a rebate, or

- (b) fails to comply with a term or condition of a rebate.

Regulations

- 6** The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations
- (a) respecting an application for a rebate;
 - (b) authorizing and respecting the provision of a rebate;
 - (c) prescribing terms and conditions that apply to a rebate;
 - (d) governing any other matter necessary for the administration of this Act for which no specific provision is made in this Act.

Consequential amendment

- 7** The *Natural Gas Price Protection Act* is amended by repealing section 8.

Repeal

- 8** The *Natural Gas Rebates Act*, RSA 2000 cN-2, is repealed.

Coming into force

- 9** This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

Explanatory Notes

7 Consequential.

8 Repeal.

9 Coming into force.

