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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES AMENDMENT ACT, 2009

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2009)

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

Amends SA 2008 cE-6.6

1 The *Emergency Health Services Act* is amended by this Act.

**2 Section 1 is amended by adding the following after clause
(p):**

(p.1) “peace officer” means

- (i) a member of a police service, or
- (ii) a peace officer appointed under the *Peace Officer Act*, while the peace officer is in the exercise or discharge of the peace officer’s powers or duties;

3 The following is added after section 40:

Disclosure of information by ambulance attendant

40.1(1) Notwithstanding the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Health Information Act*, for the purposes of an investigation by a peace officer, an ambulance attendant may disclose the information described in subsection (2) that the ambulance attendant observed or collected when dispatched to and attending the scene of an

Explanatory Notes

1 Amends chapter E-6.6 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2008.

2 Definition of peace officer.

3 Disclosure of information by ambulance attendant.

incident to the peace officer without the consent of the patient or other individual who is the subject of that information.

(2) The information that an ambulance attendant may disclose to a peace officer is the following:

- (a) the name of a patient or other individual;
- (b) the date of birth of a patient;
- (c) information about the nature of any injury or illness of a patient, including any observation of possible impairment;
- (d) the time and date that the ambulance attendant was dispatched to and attended the scene of an incident;
- (e) the location where a patient sought or received an emergency health service;
- (f) observations regarding the scene of an incident;
- (g) if any disruption of the scene of an incident was observed or was caused by the ambulance attendant, a description of the disruption, including whether any patient was moved, whether specialized equipment was used and whether any materials found at the scene of the incident were disturbed;
- (h) whether any samples of bodily substances were taken from a patient;
- (i) the transport destination of any patient removed from the scene of an incident;
- (j) any other information that is prescribed or otherwise described in the regulations.

4 Section 48(1) is amended by adding the following after clause (y):

- (y.1) prescribing or otherwise describing information for the purposes of section 40.1(2)(j);

4 Additional regulation-making power.

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