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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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## **PREMIER'S COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AMENDMENT ACT, 2013**

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THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF SERVICES  
FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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Second Reading . . . . .

Committee of the Whole . . . . .

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Royal Assent . . . . .

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(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 2013)

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

#### Amends RSA 2000 cP-21

**1 The *Premier's Council on the Status of Persons with Disabilities Act* is amended by this Act.**

#### **2 Section 3 is amended**

##### **(a) in subsection (1)**

**(i) in clause (b) by adding** “and engagement and raise awareness” **after** “public discussion”;

##### **(ii) by adding the following after clause (f):**

(g) advise the Government regarding the alignment between policies and strategies affecting persons with disabilities and the principles of the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*;

(h) provide input into the development of business plans of Government departments that affect persons with disabilities;

(i) advise the Government on reviews and development of policies, programs and initiatives and their

## Explanatory Notes

**1** Amends chapter P-21 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000.

**2** Section 3 presently reads:

*3(1) The Council may*

- (a) advise, report to and make recommendations to the Government on matters relating to the opportunity for full and equal participation of persons with disabilities in the life of the Province;*
- (b) encourage public discussion through public consultation on all matters relating to the status of persons with disabilities;*
- (c) prepare communication packages containing information respecting disabilities and persons with disabilities;*
- (d) identify and review current and emerging issues and policies at all levels of government affecting and concerning the status of persons with disabilities;*
- (e) review the provision of funding, services and programs to persons with disabilities;*

implementation with respect to the effect on services to persons with disabilities;

- (j) in providing advice to the Government, endeavour to identify opportunities that support sustainability of services to persons with disabilities through innovation;
- (k) provide support with respect to the relationship between the Government and organizations or individuals who provide services to persons with disabilities.

**(b) in subsection (3)(a) by striking out “petitions” and substituting “presentations”.**

**3 Section 4 is amended by adding the following after subsection (1):**

**(1.1)** The membership of the Council must include persons with disabilities or individuals who have involvement and experience with disability issues.

**4 Section 7(1) is repealed and the following is substituted:**

- (f) make referrals and recommendations to and consult and collaborate with all levels of government, government agencies, volunteer associations, businesses, universities and other persons on matters affecting and concerning the status of persons with disabilities.*
- (2) The Council shall carry out any activity including or in addition to those referred to in subsection (1) that the Premier considers appropriate.*
- (3) The Council in carrying out its activities under subsection (1) or (2) may*
  - (a) receive and hear petitions and suggestions respecting the status of persons with disabilities from individuals and groups,*
  - (b) undertake research on matters relevant to the status of persons with disabilities,*
  - (c) appoint subcommittees consisting of members and other persons who are not members of the Council, and*
  - (d) publish from time to time such reports, studies and recommendations as the Council considers necessary.*

**3** Section 4 presently reads in part:

- 4(1) The Council shall consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council in accordance with the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act and any applicable regulations under that Act.*
- (2) Not more than 2 of the members of the Council may be members of the Legislative Assembly.*
- (3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint one of the members to chair the Council.*

**4** Section 7(1) presently reads:

**Annual report**

**7(1)** The Council shall, for each fiscal year, submit to the Premier an annual report consisting of a general summary of its activities.

**5 Section 8 is amended by striking out** “December 31, 2009” **and substituting** “December 31, 2020”.

*7(1) Before September 30 in each year, the Council shall submit to the Premier an annual report consisting of a general summary of its activities during the previous fiscal year.*

**5** Section 8 presently reads:

*8 This Act expires on December 31, 2009 unless it is continued for a further period by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.*

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