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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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ALBERTA AFFORDABLE HOUSING REVIEW COMMITTEE ACT

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First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2016)

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

Definitions

1 In this Act,

- (a) “Committee” means the Alberta Affordable Housing Review Committee established under section 2;
- (b) “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Alberta Affordable Housing Review Committee

2(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council shall establish a committee called the “Alberta Affordable Housing Review Committee” consisting of no fewer than 3 members and shall designate one of the members as chair.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe the term of office of any member of the Committee.

(3) In the absence of the chair at a meeting of the Committee the members present shall appoint a member to preside at that meeting.

(4) The Committee may make rules governing the calling of and conduct of meetings of the Committee and any other matters pertaining to its business and affairs.

(5) A majority of members of the Committee then holding office constitute a quorum at a meeting of the Committee.

(6) The Minister may provide to the Committee at no cost to it any supplies and the services of employees of the Government under the Minister's administration to carry out any work that in the opinion of the Minister may reasonably be required by the Committee to enable it to perform its functions under this Act.

Report

3(1) Within 9 months of the date on which all members of the Committee are appointed, the Committee shall prepare and submit to the Minister a report on the accessibility and affordability of housing in Alberta, which must include any recommendations of the Committee for improving the access of all Albertans to safe, appropriate and affordable housing.

(2) The report must include, but is not limited to, a review of the following subject areas and any related recommendations of the Committee:

- (a) rent regulation;
- (b) rent subsidies;
- (c) security deposits;
- (d) affordability of rental rates including rates for the rental of mobile home sites;
- (e) affordability of home ownership and mechanisms to support affordability.

(3) On receiving a report under subsection (1), the Minister shall lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly if it is then sitting or, if it is not then sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Public meetings

4 In preparing the report under section 3, the Committee shall conduct meetings with individuals and organizations with experience relating to and interest in the subject matter of the report, including representatives from the following groups:

- (a) landlords;

- (b) tenants;
- (c) home builders;
- (d) housing organizations.

Remuneration and expenses

5 The Lieutenant Governor in Council

- (a) may prescribe the rates of remuneration payable to members of the Committee other than those who are employees of the Government, and
- (b) may authorize the payment of travelling and living expenses for members of the Committee while outside their normal place of residence in the course of performing their duties.

Coming into force

6 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

