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LONG TERM CARE INFORMATION ACT

MRS. SCHREINER

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2018)

WHEREAS providing support to individuals who need long-term care is a priority for all Albertans;

WHEREAS providing information about options for long-term care in an easily understandable and accessible format is an essential component of supporting Albertans who need long-term care; and

WHEREAS enhancing transparency and accountability in the long-term care system will benefit all Albertans;

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) “accommodation charge” means a charge payable by a resident for accommodations and meals provided in a nursing home or auxiliary hospital, as further defined in the regulations;
- (b) “additional charge” means a charge payable by a resident in a nursing home or auxiliary hospital, other than an accommodation charge, as further defined in the regulations;
- (c) “auxiliary hospital” has the meaning given to it in the *Hospitals Act*;

- (d) “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act;
- (e) “nursing home” has the meaning given to it in the *Nursing Homes Act*;
- (f) “operator” means
 - (i) an operator as defined in the *Nursing Homes Act*, and
 - (ii) a board, as defined in Part 2 of the *Hospitals Act*, of an auxiliary hospital;
- (g) “resident” means a person who resides at an auxiliary hospital or nursing home;
- (h) “resident and family council” has the meaning given to it in the *Resident and Family Councils Act*.

Online registry

2(1) Within 12 months of the coming into force of this Act, the Minister shall establish a publicly accessible online registry to disseminate information with respect to each auxiliary hospital and nursing home in Alberta, which, subject to the regulations, includes the following:

- (a) operator name and contact information, including a mailing address and telephone number;
- (b) description of the type of operator;
- (c) description of the type of facility;
- (d) total number of residents that may reside at the operator’s facility and a description of the intake process for that facility;
- (e) details of the services provided at the operator’s facility;
- (f) accommodation charges payable by residents, if any;
- (g) additional charges payable by residents, if any;
- (h) date on which the operator’s facility was established, suspended or dissolved pursuant to the *Nursing Homes Act* or the *Hospitals Act*, as the case may be;

- (i) description of the status of the resident and family council, if any, at the operator’s facility, including the date on which the resident and family council was established;
 - (j) description of the accreditation status of the operator’s facility under the *Nursing Homes Act* or the *Hospitals Act*, as the case may be;
 - (k) results of any inspections conducted under section 12 of the *Nursing Homes Act* or any investigations conducted under section 27 of the *Hospitals Act*, if any;
 - (l) any other information the Minister considers appropriate.
- (2) The Minister shall ensure that the information contained in the registry established under subsection (1) is updated periodically as required, but at least every 6 months.

Information to Minister

3 An operator shall provide the Minister with any information required under section 2(1) at the times and in the form and manner required by the Minister.

Regulations

4 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) further defining or describing “accommodation charge” for the purpose of section 1(a);
- (b) further defining or describing “additional charge” for the purpose of section 1(b);
- (c) establishing types of operators for the purposes of section 2(1)(b);
- (d) establishing types of facilities for the purposes of section 2(1)(c);
- (e) respecting the description of the intake process to an operator’s facility for the purposes of section 2(1)(d);
- (f) respecting the details of the services provided at an operator’s facility for the purposes of section 2(1)(e);
- (g) respecting the description of the status of a resident and family council for the purposes of section 2(1)(i);

- (h) respecting the description of the accreditation status of the operator's facility for the purposes of section 2(1)(j);
- (i) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this Act;
- (j) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary for carrying out the intent of this Act.

