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Preamble

WHEREAS Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, is celebrating Her Platinum Jubilee in 2022, marking 70 years since Her Accession to the Throne;

WHEREAS Her Majesty has expressed Her desire that the Platinum Jubilee celebrations be an occasion to enjoy a sense of togetherness and to look ahead with confidence;

WHEREAS Her Majesty has expressed Her desire that the Platinum Jubilee provide a chance to acknowledge and give thanks for the enormous social, scientific and cultural changes of the last 70 years;

WHEREAS the Platinum Jubilee provides a special opportunity for Alberta to recognize the contributions of our youth, to honour their outstanding achievements, to assist the future development of Alberta youth and to promote citizenship as a cornerstone of our society;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta desires to mark this momentous occasion by designating special awards and scholarships that honour Alberta youth who demonstrate excellence in citizenship through leadership, community service and volunteerism and who demonstrate outstanding ability in the visual and performing arts;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta desires to mark this momentous occasion by designating a special Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to individuals who have made a significant contribution to society; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta desires to recognize and commemorate the extraordinary public service of former, current and future members of the Executive Council in serving the Crown by bestowing the use of honorific titles and initials;

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) "Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund" means the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund created and continued by the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act;
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal

- **2(1)** The Minister may grant the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to a maximum of 7000 individuals who have made a significant contribution to society.
- (2) The Premier may select any individual the Premier considers deserving to be granted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.

- (3) The individuals and organizations designated in the regulations may, in accordance with the regulations, nominate individuals to be granted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.
- (4) The Minister shall approve the individuals nominated under subsection (3) to be granted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal.
- (5) The Minister or, at the request of the Minister, the individuals and organizations designated under subsection (3) shall present, on behalf of the Government of Alberta, the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal to the recipients.

Establishment of awards and scholarships

- **3** The following awards and scholarships are hereby established:
 - (a) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Citizenship Medallion;
 - (b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts;
 - (c) Premier's Citizenship Award in Recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Granting of awards and scholarships

- **4(1)** The Minister may grant the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Citizenship Medallion each year to the most outstanding students among those receiving an award under subsection (4).
- (2) The maximum number of outstanding students who may be granted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Citizenship Medallion under subsection (1) is the number established by the regulations.
- (3) The Minister may grant the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts each year to 2 students who have demonstrated outstanding ability in the visual or performing arts.
- (4) The Premier may grant the Premier's Citizenship Award in Recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee each year to one student in each high school in Alberta who has made a significant contribution to the community through good citizenship, leadership, community service activities and volunteering.

- (5) The awards and scholarships granted under this section shall consist of,
 - (a) in the case of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Citizenship Medallion, \$7000 for each student selected and other recognitions prescribed by the regulations,
 - (b) in the case of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts, \$7000 for each student selected and other recognitions prescribed by the regulations, and
 - (c) in the case of the Premier's Citizenship Award in Recognition of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the recognitions prescribed by the regulations.

Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund

- **5(1)** The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts shall be paid out of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Fund.
- (2) Sections 5 and 7(d) of the *Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act* apply with the necessary changes to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Scholarship for the Visual and Performing Arts and a reference to the Minister in those sections is deemed to be a reference to the Minister as defined in section 1 of this Act.

Honorary Members of the Executive Council

- **6(1)** Every former member of the Executive Council who is living on February 6, 2022, and every individual who becomes a former member of the Executive Council on or after the coming into force of this Act, is designated as an Honorary Member of the Executive Council.
- (2) An individual who is an Honorary Member of the Executive Council is not a member of the Executive Council for the purposes of the *Government Organization Act* or any other enactment that confers rights, obligations or privileges on members of the Executive Council.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4), an Honorary Member of the Executive Council may use the honorific and title set out in section 7.

- (4) If a former member of the Executive Council is convicted of an offence that could have been prosecuted by way of indictment, that former member of the Executive Council is not entitled to
 - (a) be an Honorary Member of the Executive Council, or
 - (b) use the honorific or title set out in section 7.

Honorific and title

- **7** Every member of the Executive Council, including an Honorary Member of the Executive Council, may use
 - (a) the honorific "The Honourable" before the member's name, and
 - (b) the initials "E.C.A." after the member's name to indicate membership or former membership in the Executive Council of Alberta.

Regulations

- 8 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations
 - (a) designating individuals and organizations for the purposes of section 2;
 - (b) respecting the nomination process for the granting of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medal under section 2;
 - (c) varying the amounts of the awards and scholarships referred to in section 4;
 - (d) respecting the form of recognitions referred to in section 4:
 - (e) respecting the granting of the awards and scholarships;
 - (f) respecting the number of outstanding students who may be granted the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Citizenship Medallion;
 - (g) respecting the qualifications of and residence requirements for recipients for awards and scholarships;
 - (h) respecting the terms and conditions on which awards and scholarships may be provided and used.

Amends SA 2002 cS-20.5

- 9(1) The Student Financial Assistance Act is amended by this section.
- **(2)** Section 2(1) is amended by striking out "Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act" and substituting "Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Recognition Act".

Repeals SA 2002 cQ-0.5

10 The Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act is repealed.

Coming into force

11 This Act comes into force on Proclamation.

Explanatory Notes

- **9**(1) Amends chapter S-20.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2002.
- (2) Section 2(1) presently reads:
 - 2(1) This Act does not apply with respect to scholarships within the meaning of the Alberta Heritage Scholarship Act or scholarships and awards under the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Recognition Act.
- **10** Repeals chapter Q-0.5 of the Statutes of Alberta, 2002.
- 11 Coming into force.

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