

# BILL

No. 62 of 1918.

An Act to amend an Act for the Relief of Volunteers and Reservists, being Chapter 6 of the Statutes of 1916.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1918.)

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

*The Volunteers and Reservists' Relief Act* is amended as follows:

1. By striking out the words "volunteers and reservists" and the words "volunteers or reservists" where they occur in the title or preamble or body of the said Act and by substituting for such phrases the word "soldier", and by striking out the words "volunteer or reservist" wherever they occur and substituting therefor the word "soldier".

2. Section 1: By repealing the same and substituting the following:

"1. This Act may be cited as '*The Soldiers' Relief Act*'."

3. Section 2: By repealing subsection 3 thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"3. The term 'soldier' shall mean any person having on or after the first day of August, 1914, his or her permanent residence in the Province of Alberta, and who is or has been—

"(a) A member of and on actual service in the active military forces raised by the Government of Canada for the express purpose of serving outside Canada in the present war;

"(b) A member of and on actual service in the naval forces of Canada;

"(c) A member of and on actual service in the military or naval forces of His Majesty, raised otherwise than by the Government of Canada;

"(d) A member of and on actual service in the military or naval forces of any of the Allies of His Majesty in the present war;

"(e) Any woman who has volunteered her services for work overseas connected with the present war and whose services have been accepted by the Government of Canada or of Great Britain and Ireland and who is or has been actually serving in such capacity overseas.

"(2) The term 'soldier' shall not include—

"(a) Any person belonging to or enrolled in the militia of Canada or in forces raised for the protection of Canada within the boundaries of Canada unless such person is actually serving in His Majesty's forces outside of Canada;

“(b) Any person called up under *The Military Service Act*, being chapter 19 of the Statutes of the Dominion of Canada, 1917, or any amendments thereto or any Act passed in substitution therefor, unless such person so called up has been actually enrolled in the military forces of Canada, has left his usual avocation and is either undergoing a course of training in Canada as a soldier or has been or is actually serving overseas.”

4. Section 3: By inserting as subsection 3 thereof the following:

“(3) In the event of the death of a soldier prior to his or her discharge or the termination of the said war, the estate of such soldier shall be entitled to the same protection regarding freedom from actions as is provided by this Act and to the same extent as if such soldier, if living and discharged, would have been entitled to, and for the period of two years from the date of the death of such soldier:

“Provided, however, that the estate of such soldier shall not be distributed to any of the parties entitled thereto prior to the payment of the liabilities of such estate.”

5. Section 3: By striking out the words “one year” wherever the same occur in said section and substituting therefor the words “two years”.

6. Section 3: By striking out the words “before the passing of this Act” where the same occur in the sixth line of the first subsection thereof and substituting therefor the words “before the date upon which such person became a soldier within the meaning of this Act”.

7. Section 4: By striking out the words “one year” wherever the same occur in said section and substituting therefor the words “two years”.

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