

# BILL

No. 19 of 1919.

An Act respecting the Department of Public Health.

(Assented to , 1919.)

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

## SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Department of Public Health Act.*"

## INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

1. The expression "Department" means the Department of Public Health for the Province of Alberta;

2. The expression "Minister" means the Minister of Health for the Province;

3. The expression "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister, or the person performing his duties for the time being.

3. There shall be a Department of the Public Service of the province, to be called the Department of Public Health, over which the member of the Executive Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, under the seal of the Province, as Minister of Health, shall preside.

4. The Minister shall have the administration, management and control of the department, and of the general business thereof, and shall appoint, dismiss, oversee and direct the officials, clerks and servants of the Department. All that part of the administration of the government of the province, which relates to public health, including all matters dealt with by the following Acts and Ordinances, namely: *The Public Health Act, The Public Health Nurses Act, The Registered Nurses Act, The Municipal Hospitals Act, The Hospitals Ordinance, The Venereal Diseases Act, The Medical Profession Act, The Alberta Pharmaceutical Association Act, The Dental Association Act, The Marriage Ordinance, and The Vital Statistics Act*, shall be under the control of the department.

5. It shall be the duty of the department to institute inquiry and to collect facts and statistics relating to all matters of public health, to disseminate information in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to promote health and to prevent and suppress disease, to secure the observance and execution of the provisions of all Acts and regulations dealing with matters of public health, including the Acts and Ordinances mentioned in section 4 of this Act.

6. It shall be the duty of every official of a public institution, supported in whole or in part by the Government of the Province, and of every medical officer of health, every secretary of a board of health, every secretary or clerk of a municipal district, village, town or city, every secretary of a school board, every medical practitioner, every member of the Alberta Pharmaceutical Association, every dentist and every person similarly occupied or employed to answer promptly all communications from the department, to collect and tabulate facts according to instructions to be given them by the department, to supply correct information as to all matters submitted to them; and any such person neglecting or refusing to comply with the requirements of this section shall be guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction thereof before a justice of the peace, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

7. Where in any Act, Ordinance, or regulation, or part thereof, dealing with public health, the word "Minister" or "Department" is used, the said words respectively shall mean the Minister of Health and the Department of Public Health.

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