

# BILL

No. 18 of 1921.

An Act to amend The Hospitals Ordinance.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1921.)

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

1. Section 2 of *The Hospitals Ordinance*, being chapter 8 of the Ordinances of the North-West Territories, 1901, is amended—

(a) By striking out paragraph 1 thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

“1. ‘Minister’ means the Minister of Health”;

(b) By striking out paragraph 2 thereof, and substituting therefor the following:

“2. ‘Department’ means the Department of Public Health”;

(c) By adding as paragraph 4 thereof the following:

“4. ‘Board’ means the board of trustees or other body of persons managing the affairs of a hospital”;

(d) By adding as paragraph 5 thereof the following:

“5. ‘Local authority’ means the council of any city, town, village, municipal district or other authority collecting taxes for local or municipal purposes or controlling the local affairs of any area”;

(e) By adding as paragraph 6 thereof the following:

“6. ‘Approved hospital’ or ‘hospital’ means any hospital or institution of a similar nature approved of by the Minister.”

2. Section 3 of the said Ordinance is hereby struck out, and the following section substituted therefor:

“3. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may pay to each approved hospital which has filed with the department the returns hereinafter provided for a per diem allowance of fifty cents in respect of each person admitted to the hospital or treated therein.

“(2) The provisions of the next preceding subsection shall be deemed to have been in operation and to have had full force and effect since the first day of January, A.D. 1920.

“(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may direct the payment of an extra per diem allowance to every hospital which provides approved accommodation or facilities for the treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis or of any other special class of patients.

"(4) No hospital shall receive any allowance under this section unless it habitually admits, when it has room therefor, all persons urgently in need of hospital treatment in respect of any disease, ailment or infirmity of a type or class which it professes to treat or care for, whether or not any provision is made hereunder for the payment by local authorities of the cost of treatment of such persons."

3. Section 4 is added to the said Ordinance as follows:

"4. The payment of every allowance shall be conditional upon compliance with the requirements of this Ordinance and the regulations made hereunder.

"(2) Upon the receipt of an unsatisfactory report of an inspector appointed under this Ordinance the Minister may order that the hospital adversely reported upon shall not receive any allowance under this Ordinance until the conditions complained of in the report of the inspector have been remedied."

4. Section 5 of the said Ordinance is struck out, and the following section is substituted therefor:

"5. When any person is placed by a local authority in a hospital, or where any person is placed, under circumstances necessitating such a course, in a hospital situated within the area controlled by a local authority, then such local authority shall pay to the board of the hospital for the care and treatment of that person the customary public ward charge per day of the hospital.

"(2) Such public ward charge may include all proper items of charge in respect of ordinary operating room expenses, drugs, dressings and other necessities or conveniences supplied by the hospital, but shall not include any fee to a medical practitioner.

"(3) In the event of the death of any person so placed in an approved hospital and his interment at the expense of the hospital the local authority controlling the area within which the hospital is situate shall repay to the hospital the said expense, but not to an amount exceeding that fixed from time to time by the Minister.

"(4) Any local authority may enter into an agreement with the board of any approved hospital for the care and treatment of its residents for such annual sum and subject to such conditions as may be agreed upon; and upon any such agreement being entered into no per diem allowance shall be paid by the Lieutenant Governor in respect of any such resident."

5. Section 6 is added to the said Ordinance as follows:

"6. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make such regulations as he may deem necessary as to the following matters and things:

- “(a) The construction, alteration, equipment and maintenance of hospitals;
  - “(b) The books and records to be kept, including the forms to be used and the returns to be made in respect of the admission of patients, their clinical records whilst in hospital, the method of keeping financial accounts and such other records as may be required;
  - “(c) The duties of superintendents, secretaries, nurses and other employees;
  - “(d) The establishment, management and control of training schools for nurses;
  - “(e) The qualifications of nurses employed;
  - “(f) The equipment of operating rooms, wards, kitchens and laundries or any other service;
  - “(g) The ventilation, heating, lighting, plumbing, water supply, sewage disposal and fire protection of hospitals;
  - “(h) The inspection of approved hospitals;
  - “(i) The type or types of cases to be admitted;
  - “(j) The procedure prior to and conditions of admission;
  - “(k) The provision and equipment of laboratories and X-Ray apparatus;
  - “(l) The making of returns in respect to morbidity and vital statistics, and any other returns that may seem necessary or advisable;
  - “(m) The rights and duties of physicians sending cases to hospitals;
  - “(n) The accommodation to be provided for nurses, orderlies and other staff;
  - “(o) Any other matter ancillary to any matter herein enumerated, or to the efficient and sanitary conduct of hospitals.
- “(2) Any by-law duly made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council and not inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance shall have the same force as if it were expressly contained herein.
- “(3) Any by-law, rule or regulation made by the board of any hospital and approved in writing by the Minister shall have the same effect as a regulation made under this Ordinance.”

**6. Section 6 of the said Ordinance is amended—**

- (a) By changing the number thereof to 7;
- (b) By striking out the word “commissioner” where it occurs therein, and substituting therefor the word “Minister.”

7. Section 8 is added to the said Ordinance as follows:

“8. The board of every hospital shall, in respect of every child born in the hospital, cause a form in form A of the schedule of *The Vital Statistics Act* to be filled up and to be signed by the mother of the child before she leaves the hospital, and thereafter to be forwarded to the Registrar of Vital Statistics.”

8. Section 7 of the said Ordinance is amended—

- (a) By changing the number thereof to 9;
- (b) By striking out the word “Commissioner” wherever it occurs therein, and substituting therefor the word “Minister.”

9. Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the said Ordinance are amended by changing the numbers thereof to 10, 11 and 12 respectively.

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HON. C. R. MITCHELL.

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