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No. 31 of 1921.

An Act to amend The Public Health Act.

(Assented to , 1921.)

HIS 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 Public Health Act*, being chapter 17 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1910 (Second Session), is amended—

- (a) By striking out of paragraph 8 thereof the words “Provincial Secretary,” and substituting therefor the words “Minister of Health”;
- (b) By inserting after paragraph 13 thereof the following new paragraph:

“13a. ‘Registered Professional Engineer’ shall mean any person registered or licensed as a professional engineer in that branch of the Association of Professional Engineers of Alberta which includes in its membership the public health or sanitary engineering members.”

- (c) By adding as paragraph 22 thereof the following:
“22. ‘Maternity Home’ shall mean any house wherein one or more pregnant women receive nursing or other care during the confinement period in return for a money payment or other compensation and shall include every house known as a nursing or children’s home.”

2. Section 7 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) By inserting after paragraph 4 thereof the following:
“4a. The licensing, construction, maintenance, operation and inspection of and provision for medical attendance at maternity homes and the licensing of midwives”;
- (b) By striking out the word “or” before, and by adding the words “or matrons of maternity homes” after, the words “sanitary inspectors” in paragraph 27 thereof.
- (c) By adding thereto the following new paragraphs:
“36. The payment of fees by the Department of Public Health to registered medical practitioners for reporting cases of communicable disease”;

"37. The reporting, prevention and treatment of inflammation of the eyes of new-born children."

3. Section 10 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) By striking out the words "city, town, village or municipal district within" where they first occur therein and inserting in lieu thereof the words "health district to"; and by striking out the words "city, town, village or municipal district" wherever they again occur, and substituting therefor the words "health district";
- (b) By striking out the words "the Minister shall," and substituting therefor the words "the Minister may";
- (c) By adding after the words "in chambers" the words "or to a judge of a District Court, where the matter is within his jurisdiction."

4. Section 19 of the said Act is amended by striking out therefrom the words "not later than the third regular meeting after its organization."

5. Section 19a is added to the said Act as follows:

"19a. Every executive officer appointed by a council or by a local board shall have qualifications satisfactory to the Provincial Board and shall hold office during the pleasure of the Provincial Board, subject to any right of dismissal by the said council or local board for serious dereliction of duty, and shall be paid such salary as may be agreed upon between him and the said council or local board and approved by the Provincial Board.

"(2) The residence of every such executive officer shall be in the health district, or in an adjoining health district."

6. Section 22 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) By striking out of subsection 1 thereof the words "city, town, village or municipal," and substituting therefor the word "health";
- (b) By inserting after the word "ratepayers" in subsection 2 thereof the words "who are not members of the council";
- (c) By adding after subsection 3 thereof the following new subsection:
 "(3a) Where any health district is formed within an existing health district, or outside a city, town, village or municipal district, the Minister shall nominate the members of the local board."

7. Section 23 of the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following new subsection:

"(2) The Minister may constitute any portion of the province a health district, whether such portion lies within or without an existing health district, or may add any such portion to an existing health district."

8. Section 24 of the said Act is repealed, and the following new section substituted therefor:

"24. The council of every city, town, village and municipal district shall in each year vote such sums as are necessary for the carrying on of the work of the boards of health of all health districts within its boundaries.

"(2) The Minister of Public Works shall, at the request of the Minister for the purpose of the carrying on of the work of the board of health within an improvement district expend out of the district fund collected from such improvement district such sums of money as may be necessary."

9. Section 24a is added to the said Act, as follows:

"24a. Any executive officer who is certified by the Provincial Board to be capable of performing vaccination or inoculation, may vaccinate or inoculate any person required to be vaccinated or inoculated under the provisions of *The Public Health Act* or the regulations made thereunder."

10. Section 29 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) By inserting after the word "Act" the words "or the regulations or orders made thereunder";
- (b) By adding after the word "costs" the words "and in default of payment thereof to a term of imprisonment not exceeding three months with or without hard labour."

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