

# BILL

No. 11 of 1924.

An Act to amend The Vital Statistics Act.

(Assented to . 1924.)

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

**1.** This Act may be cited as "*The Vital Statistics Act Amendment Act, 1924.*"

**2.** Section 2 of *The Vital Statistics Act*, being chapter 24 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended by adding paragraph (*k*) thereto as follows:

"(*k*) 'Forthwith' shall mean that the action thus limited shall take place within twenty-four hours."

**3.** Section 4 of the said Act is amended as to subsection (1) thereof by striking out the words "may appoint," and substituting therefor the words "shall appoint."

**4.** Section 18 of the said Act is hereby struck out, and the following substituted therefor:

"**18.**—(1) Upon being satisfied that any illegitimate child born within the Province has been legitimated by the subsequent marriage of his parents, the Registrar General shall register such child, whether dead or alive, as the lawful issue of such parents, and shall make a note in the space set apart for remarks in the prescribed form to the effect that the registration has been made under this section.

"(2) If the said child has been previously registered, the Registrar General shall make a note in the space set apart for remarks in the previous registration and on any transcript thereof which may be on record in the archives of the Department.

"(3) Upon being satisfied that any illegitimate child born without the Province has been legitimated by the subsequent marriage of his parents, the Registrar General shall, upon application of either of his parents being domiciled within the Province, enter the name of such child and the fact of its legitimation upon a separate register."

**5.** Section 23 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (1) thereof by inserting at the beginning the words "The nearest relative present at the death or last illness, or any relative who may be available, or";
- (b) by adding as subsection (2) thereof the following:
  - "(2) The undertaker or person acting as undertaker shall be charged with the duty of transmitting to the district registrar the completed Registration of Death form."

**6.** Section 25 of the said Act is amended by adding as subsection (4) thereof the following:

"(4) In any case of death where the cause is ill defined, obscure or unknown the Registrar General may, at his discretion, order that a post mortem examination be made of the body of the deceased."

**7.** Section 27*a* is added to the said Act as follows:

"**27*a*.** No transportation company shall accept for transportation the body of any deceased person for burial either within or without the Province unless a burial permit, as provided for under form D, has been obtained from the district registrar."

**8.** Section 30*a* is added to the said Act as follows:

"**30*a*.**—(1) Every clerk of the Supreme Court of Alberta shall report to the Registrar General at the end of each month all decrees absolute for divorce and all declarations of nullity of marriage granted or made during such month.

"(2) If no such decrees or declarations have been granted or made, the clerk shall report to that effect.

"(3) All reports shall be made upon forms to be supplied by the Department, and with such particularity as is therein demanded."

**9.** Section 34 of the said Act is amended by adding subsection (2) thereto as follows:

"(2) The Registrar General shall not, save as is herein otherwise expressly directed, register a birth, marriage or death which has taken place outside of the Province of Alberta."

**10.** Section 38 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (1) thereof by adding after the words "covered by the search" where they occur therein, the words "or such periods and such sums as may be required by the Lieutenant Governor in Council";

(b) by adding as subsection (5) thereof the following:

“(5) Registrars, medical men, clergymen, undertakers or any other persons shall not issue certified copies on official forms of any birth, marriage or death except by order of the Registrar General.”

**11.** Section 51 is added to the said Act as follows:

“**51.** All actions taken under this Act must be commenced within a period of two years from the time of the breach of the provision of the Act violated.”

**12.** This Act shall come into effect on the day upon which it is assented to.

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