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No. 53 of 1924.

An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.

(Assented to _____, 1924).

HIS 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 Hospitals Act Amendment Act, 1924.*"

2. Section 2 of *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended:

(a) by striking out paragraph (f) thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"(f) 'Patient' shall mean every person admitted to an approved hospital, tuberculosis hospital, or home for incurables, by direction of the board or the representative of the board for actual treatment."

(b) By adding paragraphs (g), (h) and (i) thereto as follows:

"(g) 'Tuberculosis hospital' shall mean the Central Alberta Sanatorium or any hospital or part of any hospital set apart and approved of by the Minister as a place for the reception of cases of tuberculosis";

"(h) 'Home for incurables' shall mean any institution approved of by the Minister for the reception of persons suffering from incurable diseases, or persons incapacitated by reason of advanced age";

"(i) 'Private hospital' shall mean any institution, building or rooms or other place operated by any person as a place for the reception and treatment of sick persons, including nursing homes, maternity homes and baby shelters."

3. Section 5 of the said Act is amended by adding subsection (1a) thereto as follows:

"(1a) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe regulations respecting the licensing, inspection, management, maintenance, operation, accommodation, reports and all other matters pertaining to private hospitals."

4. Section 6 of the said Act is amended—

- (a) as to subsection (3) thereof by adding after the words “local authority” where they occur for the first time in paragraph (b) thereof the words “for at least three successive months.”
- (b) By striking out subsection (5) thereof and substituting therefor the following:
 - “(5) Such written order may be dispensed with in respect of hospital treatment of the sick person, if the case was one of urgent and sudden necessity and if the superintendent or medical officer of the hospital so certified to the local authority.”
- (c) By adding subsection (5a) thereto as follows:
 - “(5a) In case of dispute a full report shall be forwarded to the Minister, whose decision shall be final.”

5. Section 7 of the said Act is amended by striking out subsection (8) thereof.

6. Section 7b is added to the said Act as follows:

“TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

“7b.—(1) Admissions to a tuberculosis hospital, other than those admitted on the order and at the expense of the Federal military authorities, shall be by order or direction of the Department.

“(2) Previous to the admission to a tuberculosis hospital of a resident within an area controlled by a local authority, notice of his intended admission shall be given by registered mail to such local authority.

“(3) The amounts per diem payable to the Department in respect of patients shall be according to the classification set out in the schedule to this Act, and may be changed from time to time by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

“(4) Subsections (1) and (3) of this section and the schedule hereto shall have effect as from November eighteenth, one thousand nine hundred and twenty.”

7. Section 7c is added to the said Act as follows:

“7c. Admissions to a home for incurables shall be by contract between the local authority of the area of which the person is a resident and the Home for Incurables to which the person is admitted, and any contract so made and approved of by the Minister shall be valid notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act or any other Act or any limitation as to charges contained therein.

8. A schedule is added to the said Act as follows:

"SCHEDULE

"CLASSIFICATION OF PATIENTS ADMITTED TO TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

(Section 7b.)

"Class 1.—Residents of Alberta.

"(1) The local authority of the area of which every such person is a resident shall pay as and when required by the Department at the rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per day for every day such person remains an inmate of the tuberculosis hospital.

"Class 2.—Non-residents of Alberta who are able to pay for treatment.

"(2) Such patients shall pay to the Department three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per day, payable in advance, monthly.

"Class 3.—Persons seeking admission other than those mentioned in the two foregoing classes.

"(3) Such persons shall be admitted at such rates and on such conditions as may be arranged by the Department.

"(4) Persons seeking admission to a tuberculosis hospital for a limited period for observation and diagnosis shall pay—

"(a) If a resident of Alberta, one dollar and fifty cents per day; and

"(b) if a non-resident, three dollars and fifty cents per day."

9. The provisions of this Act shall supersede, in so far as is necessary to give effect thereto, the provisions of *The Town Act*, *The Village Act*, *The Municipal Districts Act*, *The Improvement Districts Act*, and of all Acts or Ordinances incorporating any city or forming part of the charter thereof.

10. This Act shall come into force on

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