

A BILL TO AMEND THE MENTAL DEFECTIVES ACT.

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NOTE.

This Bill provides for half-yearly reports to the Medical Superintendent of the Provincial Training School with regard to the mental condition, etc., of any person removed from an institution, and further provides for parole to any mentally defective person conditional on sending quarterly reports to the Superintendent.

The Bill, with a view to obtaining a more or less accurate census of the feeble minded children of the Province, provides for a report by the Inspector of Schools in all cases where he believes any child to be a mentally defective person.

Forms are added to the Act—

- (a) for the use of a justice when he is notifying the Minister of Health that he has assigned a mentally defective person to the care of some responsible person; and
- (b) an order for admission to the Provincial Training School for Mental Defectives at Red Deer.

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*(This note does not form any part of the Bill and is offered merely as a partial explanation of some of its provisions.)*

# BILL

No. of 1925.

An Act to amend The Mental Defectives Act.

(Assented to , 1925.)

**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 Mental Defectives Act Amendment Act, 1925.*"

2. Section 3 of *The Mental Defectives Act*, being chapter 224 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended by striking out the words "established at Oliver" where they occur therein.

3. Section 12 of the said Act is amended by adding after the words "evidence taken" where they occur therein, the words "and the notice of assignment in form D of the schedule hereto," and by adding as subsection (2) thereof the following:

"(2) The order for admission to an institution shall be in form E of the schedule hereto."

4. Section 13 of the said Act is amended by adding as subsection (4) thereof, the following:

"(4) The responsible parent or guardian of any person removed from an institution under the provisions of this section shall during each subsequent first week of January and of July notify the superintendent in writing of the then place of abode and mental condition of, the care received by and supervision given to, such person."

5. Section 13*a* is added immediately after section 13 of the said Act, as follows:

"13*a*.—(1) Any mentally defective person admitted to an institution under this Act may be paroled, in the case of a person admitted by the superintendent, by the superintendent, and in the case of a person admitted by order of the Minister, by the Minister, but such parole shall be subject to an obligation, as long as such person remains a resident of the Province, to advise the medical superintendent of the institution from which he was released, every three months either in person or by writing, as to his general welfare, conduct and place of residence.

“(2) Upon failure to comply with any of the said obligations, the superintendent may cause the person paroled to be arrested and re-conveyed to the institution from which he was released or to some other similar institution.”

6. Section 18 is added to the said Act, as follows:

“18. Every inspector of schools shall, where he has reason to believe that any child is a mentally defective person within the meaning of this Act, report such fact to the chief inspector of schools who shall thereupon advise the Department of Public Health.”

7. The schedule to the said Act is amended by adding thereto the following forms:

“FORM D.

“NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT.

“(Section 12.)

“To the Honourable

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH:

“Whereas ..... appeared before me the.....day of.....A.D. 19... and, after due inquiry being made, was found mentally deficient and a fit subject for institutional care, I hereby beg leave to notify you that the said..... has been assigned to the care and custody of..... where he awaits your pleasure as to final disposition.

“Enclosed herewith is a copy of the evidence taken as per section 12, chapter 224, Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922.

“Given under my hand and seal this..... day of..... in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and..... at..... in the Province of Alberta.

.....  
“Justice of the Peace.”

“FORM E.

“ORDER FOR ADMISSION TO INSTITUTION.

“(Section 12.)

“To..... and to the Superintendent of the Provincial Training School for Mental Defectives at Red Deer, in the Province of Alberta:

“Whereas ..... having been brought before a Justice of the Peace for the Province of Alberta, was deemed to be mentally defective;

“And whereas the report of the said Justice and a copy of the evidence taken before him having been considered by me, it is deemed necessary that the said.....

be taken to the Provincial Training School for Mental Defectives at Red Deer and admitted on probation until a further order is made.

“Therefore I do order that the said.....  
.....be sent to the said Provincial Training School for Mental Defectives and you are authorized and directed to safely convey him thereto, and there deliver him to the Superintendent thereof, together with this order;

“And I do authorize and require you, the Superintendent of the said Provincial Training School, to receive and detain the said.....until further order is made regarding him.

“Dated at Edmonton this.....day of  
....., 19....

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“*Minister of Health for the Province of Alberta.*”

8. This Act shall come into force on the.....day of.....19....

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HON. MR. HOADLEY.

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