

BILL No. 38 OF 1925.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill is intended to clarify the existing provisions of the Act as to the effect of a contract made between a hospital and a local authority for the care of its residents, and also provides for the removal of persons from hospitals who should be cared for in a home for incurables, and for payment for their maintenance by the local authority in the event of non-removal.

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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.)

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(Assented to _____, 1925.)

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, 1925.*"

2. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is amended as to section 7 by striking out subsections (6), (7) and (7a), and substituting therefor the following as subsections (6), (7), (8), (9) and (10):

"(6) When any local authority has entered into a contract with any hospital for the accommodation and care of persons resident within its area, or indigent persons resident within its area, and such contract is made in the form approved of by the Minister, and has itself been specifically approved of by the Minister, the liability of the local authority shall be determined thereby in lieu of the provisions of this Act.

"(7) The Minister may insert in any form prescribed by him stipulations as to the rate of payment, the provision of medical or surgical attention, and such other matters as may seem proper.

"(8) In the event of any contracting hospital being unable or failing to provide adequate suitable care or treatment as is provided for in any such contract, then subsection (6) shall not apply in respect of the care or treatment of any such indigent resident.

"(9) If any indigent person resident within the area of any local authority is during the currency of any such contract, admitted under circumstances of sudden or urgent necessity, to any hospital other than the contracting hospital, the superintendent of the first mentioned hospital shall, by registered mail and within twenty-four hours, notify the local authority of such admission and shall ask for the immediate removal of the patient from that hospital to the contracting hospital, and the local authority shall thereupon be responsible for the maintenance of such resident until such time as he is removed to the contracting hospital or elsewhere.

“(10) In the event of any dispute arising as to the meaning or effect of any contract, or as to whether any circumstances are or are not of sudden or urgent necessity, or whether the contracting hospital is unable or has failed to provide adequate suitable care or treatment as is provided for by any contract made with it, or as to whether any person is or is not an indigent within the meaning of this section, the Minister may determine all questions involved in any such dispute and his decision thereon shall be final.”

3. Section 7a is added to the said Act immediately after section 7, as follows:

“7a.—(1) When any patient, in the opinion of the board, suffers from an incurable disease and should be cared for in a home for incurables or a place other than a hospital, the board shall notify by registered letter the local authority within whose area such person is a resident to remove such person from the hospital within ten days from the date of receipt of the notification, and to make such other arrangements for the care of such person as may be necessary.

“(2) If no arrangements are made by such local authority within ten days after the receipt of the said notice, it shall, notwithstanding any provisions of this Act limiting the responsibility of the local authority to the sum of two hundred dollars, be responsible to the hospital for its public ward charges in connection with such person.

“(3) In the event of any dispute between the local authority and the board as to whether or not any case comes within this section, the Minister may determine all questions involved in any such dispute, and his decision thereon shall be final.”

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

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