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No 40 of 1931

An Act to amend The Hospitals Act

(Assented to _____, 1931)

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, 1931*."

2. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1932, is hereby amended as to section 2 thereof by striking out paragraph (h) and by substituting therefor the following:

"(h) 'A place other than a hospital' 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."

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 5 thereof—

(a) by striking out subsection (1) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe regulations respecting the management, maintenance, operation and accommodation of—

"(a) any approved hospital receiving a per diem allowance under this Act, and the conditions on which such per diem allowance may be made,

"(b) any approved hospital not receiving a per diem allowance under this Act; and

"(c) any place other than a hospital caring for patients suffering from incurable diseases, or persons incapacitated by reason of advanced age."

(b) by striking out subsection (1a) thereof

4. Section 5 of the said Act is amended—

(a) as to subsection (3) thereof by striking out paragraph (b) and by substituting therefor the following:

"(b) 'Resident' means—

"(i) any person who has had his home within the area controlled by the local authority for at

least three successive months of the six months immediately preceding the application for placing such person in a hospital, and

- "(ii) any person not having had a home as last aforesaid who has been a sojourner within the area controlled by the local authority for at least three successive months of the six months immediately preceding the date of the application for placing such person in a hospital.

"Provided always that any such person had at the date of such application no permanent home elsewhere than in the Province."

- (b) as to subsection (5a) thereof by striking out the same and by adding at the end of subsection (5) the following: "and in the case of a dispute, a full report shall be forwarded to the Minister, whose decision shall be final."

- (c) as to subsection (6) thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"(6) Any member of the council and the secretary-treasurer of the council may sign and issue any of the written orders mentioned in this section on behalf of the local authority of which he is a member or by which he is employed, as the case may be."

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 7 thereof by striking out subsections (8) and (9) thereof and by substituting therefor the following new subsections:

"(8) When a local authority has entered into a contract with any hospital for the accommodation and care of indigent persons within its area and such contract has been approved by the Minister, and any such indigent person is accommodated and cared for in any hospital other than the contracting hospital, the last mentioned hospital shall be entitled to recover from the local authority for the accommodation and care of such indigent the same amount as would have been payable by the local authority to the hospital with which it had entered into a contract as aforesaid, if such indigent had been accommodated and cared for in that hospital.

"(9) In the event of any dispute arising as to the meaning or effect of any contract, 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 circumstances are or are not of sudden or urgent necessity, or as to whether or not any person is or is not an indigent within the meaning of this section, or as to whether a person is a resident of the area of a local authority, the Minister may determine all questions involved in any such dispute and his decision thereon shall be final."

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 7a thereof by striking out the expression "a home for incurables or" where the same occurs therein,

7. The said Act is further amended as to section 7c thereof by striking out the same and by substituting therefor the following:

"7c. Admissions to an approved hospital not receiving a per diem allowance under this Act or to a place other than a hospital, shall be by contract between the local authority of the area of which the person is a resident, and such approved hospital or place other than a hospital 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 limitation as to charges contained therein."

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