

Bill No. 90 of 1936.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT.

NOTE.

The amendment made by this Bill relates to the liability for hospitalization of residents in cases of sudden and urgent necessity: it includes in such cases maternity cases in which the attending physician certifies as to the necessity for hospitalization, and provides for the determination of any question as to the liability of the local authority by a District Court Judge in a summary manner at the instance of the local authority, the hospital or the Minister.

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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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An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.

(Assented to _____, 1936.)

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, 1936.*"

2. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended as to section 2 thereof by striking out paragraph (g) thereof.

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 6 thereof by striking out subsection (5) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(5) The local authority shall be liable to pay to a hospital such sums as may be chargeable pursuant to this Act for the hospital treatment of an indigent sick resident if it appears to the Superintendent or Medical Officer of the hospital that the case is one of sudden and urgent necessity and if he sends by registered mail to the local authority a notice in writing of the admission certifying as to the necessity which may be in Form A in the schedule to this Act, and if any dispute arises as to whether or not the patient is an indigent sick resident or that the case is one of sudden and urgent necessity, the question shall be referred by the local authority, the hospital or the Minister to a Judge of the District Court who shall proceed to decide the question in a summary manner and whose decision shall be final and conclusive.

"(5a) For the purpose of this section an expectant mother applying for admission to hospital and certified by the attending physician as requiring hospitalization shall be considered to be a case of sudden and urgent necessity."

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 7b thereof by striking out the same.

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 17 thereof by striking out the same.

6. The said Act is further amended as to the schedule to the Act by striking out that part relating to The Classification of Patients Admitted to the Sanatorium.

7. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

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