

Bill No. 33 of 1937.

A BILL TO AMEND AND CONSOLIDATE THE
EMPLOYMENT OFFICES ACT.

NOTE.

This Bill amends and consolidates the provisions of *The Employment Offices Act*.

The changes made by this Bill are chiefly of an administrative nature and are consequential upon the repeal of *The Bureau of Labour Act* under which the Act has been administered.

The Bill makes provision for the establishment of a branch of the public service with the title of "The Alberta Government Employment Service" attached to a department of the public service, and under the immediate control of a general superintendent. The functions previously performed by the Bureau of Labour and Commissioner of Labour, in connection with employment offices are transferred by the Bill to this Branch and the General Superintendent respectively.

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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 and consolidate The Employment
Offices Act.

(Assented to _____, 1937.)

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 Employment Offices Act, 1937.*"

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

- (a) "Employment Office" means and includes the business of procuring workmen, artificers, labourers, domestic servants, and other persons for the performance of skilled or unskilled labour and in the business of procuring employment for such classes of persons or any of them.
- (b) "Employment Service" means The Alberta Government Employment Service.
- (c) "Superintendent" means the General Superintendent of The Alberta Government Employment Service.

3. There is hereby constituted a branch of the Public Service of the Province to be known as "The Alberta Government Employment Service."

4. The branch shall be attached to such one of the present departments of the Public Service as may be designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, and shall be under the direction and control of the Minister in charge of that department.

5. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a General Superintendent and such other employees as may be deemed advisable.

6. In respect to matters assigned to the Employment Service, the Superintendent shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to him by the Lieutenant Governor in Council or by the Minister.

7. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint an advisory council, representative of employers and employees,

whose duty it shall be to advise the Minister in directing the policy of the Employment Service.

8. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may divide the Province into such employment districts as may be deemed advisable; and establish an employment office in each and appoint officials and staff to manage the same, and may appoint an advisory committee, representative of employees and employers, to assist the official in charge in the discharge of his duties and in co-operating with the advisory council in the work of applying the national employment policy to the industries of the Province.

9. It shall be the duty of the Employment Service to,—

- (a) establish a clearing house or clearing houses to provide facilities for finding employment and for the distribution of male and female labour throughout and without the Province;
- (b) co-operate with the Dominion authorities for the inter-provincial distribution of labour, and to enter into any arrangement with them for the purpose of carrying out any of the terms of *The Employment Offices Co-ordination Act*;
- (c) put employers who want work-people and work-people who want employment within Alberta into communication with one another free of charge;
- (d) collect such statistical and other information respecting trades and industries in the Province as may be deemed necessary or expedient from time to time;
- (e) inquire and report as to the establishment of new industries in Alberta in any case where, by reason of the production of raw material for such industries in the Province or of the immigration of persons skilled in such industries or other circumstances, it appears that such industries can profitably be carried on.

10. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may from time to time make such regulations and prescribe such forms as may be deemed necessary for the proper carrying into effect of the provisions of this Act, and such regulations shall have the same force and effect as if they were included in this Act.

11. No person, firm, corporation or association shall open, conduct or carry on any employment agency or office for fee or reward or collect or receive directly or indirectly any fee or compensation for sending or persuading, enticing, inducing, procuring or causing to be sent from or to any place within the Province to or from any place outside the Province or from one place within the Province to another, any person seeking employment.

12. Every person contravening the provisions of the preceding section shall, upon summary conviction before a police magistrate or two or more justices of the peace, be liable to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars, and in default of payment of such fine and of the costs of prosecution, to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months, unless the fine and costs are sooner paid.

13. *The Employment Offices Act*, being chapter 179 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby repealed.

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

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