

Bill No. 71 of 1937.

A BILL TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

NOTE.

Section 2 of the Bill enables the Minister to constitute by order a full-time Public Health District, and to provide for the appointment of a district board of health, and prescribes the duty of any board so appointed. It further provides as to the contributions to be made by the municipalities included in a district so constituted towards the cost of the operation of the district, and further provides that one-half of the cost of operation is to be borne by the municipalities included therein.

Section 3 prohibits any person who is an optician, optometrist, or chiropodist, or any other person duly licensed to diagnose or treat diseases not being a duly qualified medical practitioner or a duly registered dentist, from holding himself out to the public as a Specialist, unless he has received a certificate of qualification or fitness from the University of Alberta.

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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 Public Health 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 Public Health Act Amendment Act, 1937.*"

2. *The Public Health Act*, being chapter 58 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately after section 22*k* the following new section:

"22*l*.—(1) Instead of proceeding under section 22*a* hereof, the Minister may by order from time to time constitute any area specified therein as a full-time Public Health District, and may appoint a district board of health consisting of such persons as he may think fit, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Minister, and whose duty it shall be to enforce the provisions of *The Public Health Act* and the regulations made thereunder within the district, and for that purpose to provide for a medical and sanitary staff consisting of a duly qualified medical practitioner, one or more sanitary inspectors, one or more trained nurses and a secretary, who shall devote their whole time for the protection of the health and sanitation of the district and generally to have the care and management of the concerns of the district.

"(2) Upon the constitution of a district the Minister shall prescribe the proportions in which the municipalities included in the district shall contribute towards the cost of the operation of the district, and shall make an estimate of the costs of the operation of the district from the time of its constitution until the next ensuing thirty-first day of December, and in every year after the year in which the district is constituted the Minister shall make an estimate of the cost of operation of the district for that year.

"(3) One-half of the cost of operation of the district shall be borne and paid by the municipalities which are wholly or partially included within the district in the proportions prescribed by the Minister, and shall be payable by quarterly payments on the first day of April, first day of July, first day of October and the first day of January, to the Provincial Treasurer.

“(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations as to the manner in which the affairs and business of the full-time public health district shall be conducted, and the manner in which the district health board and its officials shall discharge their functions and duties.

“(5) For the purpose of this section, the expression ‘Municipalities’ means city, town, village, municipal district and improvement district.

“(6) None of the provisions of sections 22*a* to 22*k* both inclusive shall apply to a public health district constituted pursuant to this section.”

3. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein immediately after section 28 the following new section :

“**28*a*.**—(1) No person who carries on the profession or calling of an optician or an optometrist, or a chiropodist, or any other person who is duly licensed to diagnose or treat diseases not being a duly qualified medical practitioner or a duly registered dentist, shall advertise or hold himself out to the public as a Specialist or as being specially qualified in any branch of any such calling or profession, unless he has received from the registrar of the University of Alberta and is the holder of a certificate of having complied with such conditions as to qualification or fitness, as may be prescribed by the Senate of the said University.

“(2) Such conditions may be based either upon the possession of certain diplomas or other professional qualifications, or upon compliance with prescribed tests by way of examination or otherwise.

“(3) Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty of not more than One Hundred Dollars and costs and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than sixty days.”

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

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