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No. 103 of 1938.

An Act to amend The Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare Act.

(Assented to _____, 1938.)

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 Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare Act Amendment Act, 1938.*"

2. *The Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare Act*, being chapter 34 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1936, is hereby amended by inserting therein immediately after section 9 the following new section:

"9a. With the approval of the Minister, the Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare may from time to time appoint such committees as may be deemed desirable, consisting of not more than three persons, for the purpose of arranging for the acquisition of supplies of fruit, vegetables and clothing to be distributed by way of relief and for the distribution thereof, and the persons so appointed may be paid such sum of money for travelling expenses and subsistence whilst serving upon any such committee as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may deem proper, and in cases where no fixed amount to cover such purposes has been provided, upon the furnishing of vouchers or such other evidence as may be considered sufficient, and in case any person so appointed is for the time being a member of the Legislative Assembly, notwithstanding any provision of *The Legislative Assembly Act*, the receipt by any such person of any such money shall not render such person ineligible as a member of the Legislative Assembly."

3. The said Act is further amended as to section 11 by striking out the words "and who have been approved by the Bureau of Relief and Public Welfare as persons eligible for unemployment relief" where the same occur in paragraph (b).

4. The said Act is further amended as to section 12,—
(a) by striking out all the words of the section preceding paragraph (a) and by substituting therefor the following:

"In case assistance during any period of time is afforded to a municipality in defraying the cost of providing unemployment relief, whether it is so afforded by the Government of Canada or by the Government of the Province or by both such Governments, then in any such case and during any such period,—";

- (b) by striking out paragraph (d) and by substituting therefor the following:

"(d) every such municipality shall make provision for unemployment relief for persons who are residents of that municipality as defined in section 11 of this Act;"

- (c) by striking out paragraph (e) and by substituting therefor the following:

"(e) every municipality shall in case of urgent necessity make provision for unemployment relief for any employable person living therein but not a resident thereof as herein defined.

"Any municipality providing unemployment relief pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph, shall forthwith send by registered mail, a written notice to that effect to the secretary-treasurer of the municipality within the Province of Alberta of which the person concerned is believed to be a resident or in case the person concerned has not become a resident as herein defined of any municipality within the Province of Alberta, such written notice shall be sent to the Bureau. If the municipality or the Bureau, as the case may be, to which such written notice has been sent, fails within one month next after the date of mailing such written notice to accept liability for providing unemployment relief to the person or persons named in such written notice, the municipality supplying such unemployment relief may apply to a Judge of the District Court as provided in section 16 hereof for an order determining the liability for providing unemployment relief under the provisions of this Act for the person or persons concerned."

5. The said Act is further amended as to section 13 by striking out the word "Commission" where the same occurs therein and by substituting therefor the word "Bureau".

6. The said Act is further amended as to section 14,—

- (a) by striking out the words "provisions of this Part" where the same occur therein and by substituting therefor the words "provisions of this Act";

- (b) by adding at the end of the section the following :

“In the event, however, that the said municipality fails so to repay within a reasonable time the actual amount of the assistance provided, the Provincial Treasurer, upon the recommendation of the Commissioner, may out of any moneys in his hands that are due or may become due to the said municipality, pay to the issuing authority up to the full amount of such assistance.”

7. The said Act is further amended by inserting therein immediately after section 14 the following new section :

“14a. Upon unemployment relief being granted by a municipality to a person who is a resident of that municipality at the time of the granting thereof, such person shall continue to be a resident of that municipality until he shall have become a resident of some other municipality pursuant to the provisions of section 15.

8. The said Act is further amended as to section 16,—

- (a) by striking out the words “within the time limited” where the same occur in subsection (4) ; and
 (b) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection :

“(7) Upon the making of any order pursuant to this section with respect to any person who is in receipt of unemployment relief from a municipality of which he is not a resident within the meaning of this Act, requiring such person to return to the municipality of which he is such a resident, the municipality from which such person is in receipt of relief immediately before the making of such order, shall continue to provide such relief until the expiration of twenty days after the making of such order, and upon the expiration of such period the municipality of which such person is a resident shall be liable thereafter for the provision to such person of unemployment relief and to provide him with the facilities mentioned in subsection (1) of this section, and any failure to discharge such liability or any part thereof shall be deemed to be a failure to provide unemployment relief for the purposes of section 17.”

9. The said Act is further amended as to section 17,—

- (a) by striking out the words “to a fine” where the same occur therein and by substituting therefor the words “to a fine of not less than fifty dollars and” ;
 (b) by adding at the end of the section the following :
 “Provided, however, that no magistrate or justice of the peace shall accept any information or com-

plaint nor issue a summons or warrant under the provisions of this section until he shall have notified the municipality affected and have satisfied himself by due enquiry that the facts and circumstances justify the acceptance of such information and complaint and the issue of such summons or warrant, nor until the expiration of fifteen days from the date of the giving of such notice.

“(2) Any employable person who believes that he has good grounds for feeling that he is aggrieved by the refusal of unemployment relief or on account of the inadequacy of any unemployment relief, may prefer a charge under this section against the municipality responsible for the provisions of such relief before any police magistrate or justice of the peace in the vicinity of the place at which he has his home and thereupon the magistrate or justice of the peace shall proceed to the determination of the charge in conformity with the provisions of this section.”

10. This Act shall come into force on the day upon which it is assented to, and upon the same coming into force section 2 shall be deemed to have been in force at all times from and after the first day of April, 1937.

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