

Bill No. 75 of 1939.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT, 1938.

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Hospitals Act, 1938*, by striking out the definition of “resident” in section 5 and by substituting therefor four rules of interpretation for the purpose of determining the question as to whether or not a person is a resident of an area controlled by a local authority.

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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, 1938.

(Assented to _____, 1939.)

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, 1938, Amendment Act, 1939.*"

2. *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 77 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1938, is hereby amended as to section 5 by striking out subsection (3) thereof and by substituting therefor the following:

"(3) For the purpose of this and the next three following sections, the expression 'indigent person' means a person who is actually destitute of means from his own resources of obtaining medical attention and hospital care necessary for the immediate wants of himself and his dependents.

"(3a) In order to determine whether or not any person is a resident in any area controlled by a local authority for the purposes of this and the next following three sections, the following rules of interpretation shall be applied:

"Rule 1.—Any person who on the date of application for the placing of such person in a hospital has then had his home or resided within the area controlled by a local authority for twelve consecutive months out of the twenty-four consecutive months immediately preceding the making of such application and has not during such period of twelve months received any relief, shall be deemed to be a resident of the area controlled by that local authority.

"Rule 2.—Any person who at any time during which he is in receipt of relief from a local authority which is liable for the provision thereof, or at any time within a period of twelve months after he last received any such relief moves within the area controlled by another local authority, shall be deemed to be a resident of the area controlled by the first mentioned local authority as if he had continued to reside therein until such time as he shall have thereafter become a resident of some other local authority as defined in Rule 1 hereof.

"Rule 3.—Any person who on the date of any application for placing such person in a hospital has not resided for

twelve consecutive months out of the previous twenty-four consecutive months within the area controlled by a local authority and has not a permanent home elsewhere than in the Province, but has resided or has been a sojourner, within the area controlled by a local authority for at least three consecutive months out of the twenty-four months immediately preceding the date of such application and has not during such period of three months received relief, shall be deemed to be a resident of the area controlled by the local authority within whose boundaries he has last so resided.

“Rule 4.—Any person who receives any relief from a local authority for the provision of which relief that local authority is liable, shall be deemed to be a resident of the area controlled by that local authority until such time as he shall have had his home or resided within the boundaries of another local authority for twelve consecutive months out of the twenty-four consecutive months immediately preceding the date of application for the placing of such person in a hospital, without having received any relief during such period of twelve months.”

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

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