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No. 101 of 1939.

An Act Providing for the Fixing of Prices of Petroleum Products.

(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 Petroleum Prices Act.*"

2. In this Act the expression "petroleum product" means any mineral oil or relative hydro-carbon, and any liquid product obtained whether by condensation or absorption or distillation or by any other process from petroleum natural gas, casing head or natural gasoline, benzole, benzine, naphtha coal, coal tar, oil shales, kerosene gas oil and any combination thereof.

3. In case a commissioner or commissioners have been appointed pursuant to *The Public Inquiries Act* to make any inquiry which includes an investigation into the price of any petroleum product and the commissioner or commissioners so appointed by any report whether made in the course of or at the close of such inquiry recommend that the price to be paid for any petroleum product or any kind or description or descriptions thereof be fixed in any manner for the purpose of giving effect to any recommendation so made the Lieutenant Governor in Council is hereby authorized and empowered from time to time by order to fix the price to be paid in any designated area or areas of the Province,—

- (a) to producers of any petroleum for any kind or grade thereof by all purchasers or by all purchasers of a designated class;
- (b) to refiners or processors of petroleum for any kind or grade thereof by all purchasers or by all purchasers of a designated class;
- (c) to wholesalers of petroleum for any kind or grade thereof by all purchasers or by all purchasers of a designated class;
- (d) to jobbers or distributors of petroleum for any kind or grade thereof by all purchasers or by all purchasers of any designated class;
- (e) to retailers of petroleum by retail purchasers of any kind or grade thereof.

4. Every order made pursuant to this Act shall be published in *The Alberta Gazette* and shall take effect either upon such publication or upon such later date as is fixed thereby for that purpose and upon so taking effect shall have the same force and effect as if it had been enacted as a part of this Act.

5. Where a price has been fixed pursuant to this Act for any petroleum, every covenant or agreement for the purchase or sale of such petroleum within the Province for use in the Province contained in any agreement in existence at the time when the order in council fixing such price comes into effect shall be varied so that the price shall conform with the price so fixed and the agreement shall, subject only to such variation, remain in full force and effect in all other respects.

6. Every person who sells or offers for sale any petroleum in respect of which any order has been made in pursuance of this Act at a price other than the price fixed by such order as the price at which such petroleum is to be sold shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction therefor in the case of a corporation to a penalty of not more than one thousand dollars and costs and in the case of any other person to a penalty of not more than two hundred dollars and costs and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than sixty days.

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

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