

Bill No. 93 of 1941.

A BILL TO AMEND THE VENEREAL DISEASES'
PREVENTION ACT

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act*.

The amendments proposed by this Bill are to provide additional machinery for treatment of persons suffering from a venereal disease. It enables the Provincial Board of Health to secure the attendance of a person suffering from such a disease at one of the Provincial Venereal Diseases' Clinics or before a physician appointed in writing by the Board, and also provides that if a person on examination is found to be suffering from such a disease he may be committed by the said Board to a place set aside for such treatment.

W. S. GRAY,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

(This note does not form any part of the Bill but is offered in explanation of its provisions.)

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An Act to Amend The Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act.

(Assented to , 1941.)

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 Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act Amendment Act, 1941.*"

2. *The Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act*, being chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922, is hereby amended by adding immediately after section 4 the following new section:

"4a.—(1) Whenever any person who is infected with a venereal disease has made an affidavit or declaration that he or she is so infected and that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief he or she acquired the said disease from a person named in said affidavit or declaration and said affidavit or declaration has been filed with or delivered to the Provincial Board of Health, the said Board may by notice in writing, which may be served personally or by double registered mail, require such last mentioned person to attend at the Provincial Venereal Diseases' Clinic, which is nearest to the place where such person is then residing or before any duly qualified medical practitioner appointed in writing by the Board and named in the notice, for such examination as is necessary to determine whether or not such person is infected with a venereal disease.

"(2) If such person, after being duly served as aforesaid, fails to appear at the clinic specified, at the time set out in the notice or before the physician specified within the time limited by such notice, the said Board may issue a warrant directed to any peace officer or constable requiring him to take such person into custody and to convey or bring him or her to the Provincial Clinic or physician specified in the said notice and keep him or her there until such examination is completed or until the said peace officer or constable is directed by the physician or person then in charge of the said Clinic or the physician specified in the notice, as the case may be, to discharge such person from custody.

"(3) Upon such person attending at such Clinic or before such physician in compliance with the said notice or in custody under the warrant, he or she may be examined

by a physician at such Clinic or by the physician specified in the notice, as the case may be, to the extent and for the purpose hereinbefore set out.

"(4) If upon such examination it is found that the person examined is infected with a venereal disease, the said Board may give such directions for the treatment of such person and for his or her detention and isolation as may be deemed necessary and may issue a warrant committing such person to a hospital, provincial gaol or other institution or portion thereof which has been designated as a hospital or place of detention, or isolation for the reception and treatment of any person suffering from venereal disease.

"(5) The warrant referred to in subsection (2) may be in Form A set out in the Schedule to this Act, and the warrant referred to in subsection (4) may be in form B set out in the Schedule to this Act: said warrants shall be signed on behalf of the Board by the Chairman, or in his absence, by any other member of the Board.

"(6) The person in charge of the institution or place to which such person is committed and every constable, gaoler, warden, superintendent and officer having the care and custody of any such person in any such place, shall comply with the warrant committing such person and see that the directions of the said Board as to treatment to be administered are carried out.

"(7) Any person so committed shall be detained in the place to which he or she is committed until the said Board has certified that such person is free from venereal disease or is non-infective."

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

SCHEDULE

FORM A

(Section 4a)

CANADA

PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

To all or any of the Peace Officers in the said Province.

Whereas the Provincial Board of Health has been furnished with an affidavit or declaration made by.....
on the.....day of
A.D., 194....., to the effect that.....
is infected with a venereal
 disease and that to the best of the deponent's knowledge and
 belief.....acquired the same from.....

.....of..... in the
said Province, and that to the best of the deponent's knowl-
edge and belief the said.....
is infected with venereal disease;

And whereas it is provided by section 4a of *The Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act* that the said Board may, when such an affidavit is filed with or delivered to the Board, require such last mentioned person to attend before a Provincial Venereal Diseases' Clinic or a duly qualified medical practitioner appointed by the Board for such examination as is necessary to determine whether or not such person is infected with a venereal disease and may, upon failure of such person to comply with the notice requiring such attendance as aforesaid, issue a warrant to secure the attendance of such person as aforesaid;

And whereas the said..... has failed to attend before either such Clinic or medical practitioner as required by such notice duly served upon.....

These are therefore to command you, the said Peace Officers, to take the said..... and safely convey..... to the Provincial Venereal Diseases' Clinic at..... and keep..... there until such examination is completed or until you are directed by the physician or person then in charge of said Clinic or the physician specified in the notice, as the case may be, to discharge such person from custody.

In witness whereof the said Board has executed this warrant this..... day of..... in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and forty.....

The Provincial Board of Health,
by.....
Chairman.

FORM B
(Section 4a)

CANADA
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

To all or any of the Peace Officers in the said Province, and to the keeper of the place for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from venereal disease at..... in the said Province.

Whereas the Provincial Board of Health has been furnished with an affidavit or declaration made by..... on the..... day of..... A.D., 194....., to the effect that..... of the..... of....., in the said Province, is to the best of the deponent's knowledge and belief infected with a venereal disease;

And whereas the said Board caused the said
to be physically examined in
 order to ascertain whether.....was infected with a
 venereal disease;

And whereas upon such examination it was found that the
 said.....was infected
 with a venereal disease, to wit:

And whereas it is deemed necessary by the said Board
 that the said.....be de-
 tained, treated, and isolated in order to prevent infection
 from.....;

And whereas the said Board is authorized and empowered
 by section 4a of *The Venereal Diseases' Prevention Act*,
 being chapter 61 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1922,
 to commit such person for treatment to a gaol or other
 place designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as
 the place for the reception and treatment of persons suf-
 fering from a venereal disease;

And whereas.....has been desig-
 nated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as a place for
 the reception and treatment of persons suffering from a
 venereal disease.

These are therefore to command you, the said Peace Of-
 ficers, to take the said.....
 and safely convey.....to the aforesaid place for the
 reception and treatment of persons suffering from a ven-
 ereal disease at.....aforesaid and
 there to deliver.....to the person in charge thereof
 together with this precept;

And the said Board hereby commands you, the said per-
 son in charge of the said place for the reception and treat-
 ment of persons suffering from venereal disease at.....
aforesaid, to receive the said
into custody in the
 said place for the reception and treatment of persons suf-
 fering from venereal disease at.....
 aforesaid, and there safely to keep.....until such
 time as the said Board certifies that the said.....
is no longer infectious.

In witness whereof the Board has executed this warrant
 this.....day of.....in the
 year of our Lord, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and
 Forty.....

The Provincial Board of Health,
 by.....
 Chairman.

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eases' Prevention Act.

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HON. DR. CROSS.

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