

Bill No. 29 of 1944.

A BILL TO AMEND THE HOSPITALS ACT.

---

NOTE.

This Bill amends *The Hospitals Act, chapter 184, R.S.A., 1942.*

Section 4 gives the Lieutenant Governor in Council power to prescribe regulations respecting the management, maintenance, operation of and accommodation in hospitals, and the proposed amendment to this section is to remove any doubt as to whether the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations dealing with the appointment, dismissal and suspension of the medical staff of a hospital.

Section 6 of the Act dealing with the treatment by hospitals of indigent residents of municipalities, places a limit of liability on the municipality for each patient of Two Hundred Dollars a year, the result being that in many cases hospitals are put to a great expense in treating indigents without any return beyond the Two Hundred Dollars in the year. Some municipalities have expressed willingness to pay more than Two Hundred Dollars in certain cases, and the object of the amendment is to allow a municipality to do this without any liability being imposed upon the councillors who are authorizing such additional payment.

W. S. GRAY,  
*Acting Legislative Counsel*

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

# BILL

No. 29 of 1944.

An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.

(Assented to \_\_\_\_\_, 1944.)

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

**1.** *The Hospitals Act*, being chapter 184 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1942, is hereby amended as to section 4 by striking out the first three lines of subsection (1) thereof, and by substituting therefor the following:

“**4.**—(1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may prescribe regulations governing the appointment, dismissal or suspension of members of the staff of physicians and surgeons of the hospital and may prescribe regulations respecting the management, maintenance, operation of and accommodation in,—”

**2.** The said Act is further amended as to section 6 by adding at the end of subsection (4) thereof the following proviso:

“Provided, however, that where the charges incurred with respect to any indigent sick resident of the municipality exceed the sum of two hundred dollars in any one year, the council of the municipality may authorize the payment of and may pay to the hospital the amount so in excess or any portion thereof without the members of the council incurring any personal liability arising out of such payment.”

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

No. 29.

---

---

FOURTH SESSION  
NINTH LEGISLATURE  
8 GEORGE VI  
1944

---

---

**BILL**

An Act to amend The Hospitals Act.

---

---

Received and read the

First time.....

Second time.....

Third time.....

---

---

HON. DR. CROSS.

---

---

EDMONTON:  
A Shnitka, King's Printer  
1944