

Bill No. 44 of 1944.

A BILL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND TO PRESCRIBE ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

NOTE.

This Bill creates a new Department whose functions are set out in section 6.

Authority is given for the appointment of a Minister, Deputy Minister and other officials.

It is provided that the Department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report on the work of the Department which will be laid before the Assembly within fifteen days of the commencement of each session.

The various Acts to be administered by the Department are to be fixed by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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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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No. 44 of 1944.

An Act for the Establishment of a Department of Public Welfare and to Prescribe its Powers and Duties.

(Assented to _____, 1944.)

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

SHORT TITLE.

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Department of Public Welfare Act*."

INTERPRETATION.

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—
- (a) "Department" means the Department of Public Welfare;
 - (b) "Minister" means the Minister of Public Welfare.

ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF DEPARTMENT.

3. There shall be a Department of the public service of the Province to be called the Department of Public Welfare, over which the member of the Executive Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under the seal of the Province to discharge the functions of the Minister of Public Welfare shall preside.

4. Subject to the provisions of *The Public Service Efficiency Act*, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may appoint a Deputy Minister and such other officers, clerks and servants as are requisite for the conduct of the business of the Department, and may prescribe their respective duties and remuneration.

5. The Department shall administer such Acts and regulations made thereunder as may be provided therein or as may from time to time be designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

6. The Department may,—
- (a) institute inquiry into and collect information and statistics relating to all matters of public welfare;

- (b) disseminate information in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to promote public welfare;
- (c) secure the observance and execution of the provisions of all Acts and regulations dealing with matters of public welfare;
- (d) take or direct such matters as may seem suitable for the promotion of public welfare;
- (e) investigate, inspect and report to the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon all activities, agencies, organizations, associations or institutions having for their object the social welfare or care of men, women and children in the Province, and which are not under the control of any other Department of the public service of the Province.

7. The Department shall submit to the Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report upon the affairs and work of the Department as he may require, and such report shall be laid before the Assembly within fifteen days after the commencement of the next session.

8. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may upon the recommendation of the Minister, appoint any officer of the Department as an inspector for the purposes of any Act administered by the Department, where provision is not made in such Act for the appointment of an inspector, and an inspector so appointed shall have such powers and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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

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