

A BILL TO AMEND THE HEALTH UNIT ACT.

NOTE

This Bill amends *The Health Unit Act*, being chapter 38 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1951.

In certain more isolated areas within health units, municipal nurses are presently employed under the provisions of *The Nursing Service Act*. In other isolated areas within health units, it appears desirable to employ the services of municipal nurses in addition to the health unit nurses. At the present time the municipal nurses are employed by the municipalities requiring the service of a municipal nurse and if the municipality, or that portion of it within which the municipal nurse is employed, is within a health unit, approximately one-fifth of the municipal nurse's services are a duplication of the services of the health unit nurse. Also, those people who are served by the municipal nurse are levied upon for the municipal nurse service and pay with the other residents of the health unit, through their taxes, for the services of the health unit nurse.

The amendments to section 2 and section 10 (except the amendment to clause (f)), and the new section 9a, all deal with the matter of municipal nurses. The effect of these amendments is

- (a) to define a municipal nurse for ease of reference,
- (b) to provide that for each municipal nurse employed in a municipal nursing service administered by the health unit board, the population required for the employment of a health unit nurse shall be increased by one-fifth in the computation of population,
- (c) to permit a health unit board, by agreement with the municipalities concerned, to administer their nursing service and to assume a portion of the municipalities' costs therefor.

The effect of the amendment to clause (f) of subsection (1) of section 10 is that now (instead of a part-time sanitary inspector being authorized for a population of twenty thousand or over as formerly) for every ten thousand of population over twenty thousand or any multiple of twenty thousand, a student sanitary inspector may be employed by the board of the health unit.

This Bill comes into force upon assent.

J. W. RYAN,
Acting Legislative Counsel.

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

BILL

No. 49 of 1953.

An Act to amend The Health Unit Act.

(Assented to , 1953)

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

1. *The Health Unit Act*, being chapter 38 of the Statutes of Alberta, 1951, is hereby amended.

Section 2
amended

2. Section 2 is amended by adding immediately after clause (h) the following new clause:

"municipal
nurse"

"(i) 'municipal nurse' means a nurse appointed by a municipality or municipalities pursuant to a nursing service agreement entered into under the provisions of *The Nursing Service Act*."

New
section 9a

3. The following new section is added immediately after section 9:

Administra-
tion of
municipal
nursing
service

"9a. (1) Where a health unit includes an area being served by a municipal nurse, the board, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may enter into an agreement with the municipality or municipalities employing the municipal nurse whereby the board shall be authorized to administer and operate the municipal nursing service in that area on behalf of the municipality or municipalities.

Apportioning
of cost

"(2) The board, pursuant to any such agreement, may pay to the municipality or municipalities concerned a part or all of the cost of the municipal nursing service, which payment shall be deemed an operating cost of the health unit."

Section 10
amended

4. Section 10 is amended

(a) by adding at the beginning of clause (d) of subsection (1) the words "Subject to subsection (4),";

(b) by striking out clause (f) of subsection (1) and by substituting the following:

"(f) a student sanitary inspector for every ten thousand of population in excess of twenty thousand of population or any multiple thereof;";

(c) by adding immediately after subsection (3) the following new subsection:

"(4) Where, in one or more municipalities included in a health unit, the board, pursuant to section

9a, administers and operates a municipal nursing service established under *The Nursing Service Act*,

“(a) each municipal nurse employed in the municipal nursing service shall be deemed to be employed for twelve hundred of population, and

“(b) the twelve hundred of population for which each municipal nurse is deemed to be employed shall not be included in the computation of the six thousand of population referred to in clause (d) of subsection (1).”.

5. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to. <sup>Coming
into force</sup>

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HON. DR. CROSS.
