



CHAPTER 83

Blind Persons Aid Act

[Assented to, the 14th of April 1937]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly
of Quebec, enacts as follows :

1. The Government of this Province may enter into any agreement with the Dominion Government for the purpose of having the blind of this Province benefit from the acts of the Parliament of Canada adopted to aid them. Entering in-
to certain
agreement
with Domi-
nion Govern-
ment.

2. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may entrust the carrying out of any such agreement and the administering of this act: To whom
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ing of act,
etc., may be
entrusted.

a. to a body created by him for such purpose under such name as he may designate, or

b. to an already-existing body, under whatever name designated, or

c. to a member of the Executive Council charged with the administration of a Department.

3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may adopt, amend or repeal such regulations as he may deem useful for the carrying out of any agreement contemplated by section 1 and for the application of this act, and, especially, he may: Adopting,
etc., of regu-
lations by
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for applica-
tion of act,
etc.

a. adopt rules for the internal government of the body contemplated in paragraph *a* of section 2;

b. prescribe the form and manner of transmitting an application for a pension made by a blind person and the evidence to accompany it;

c. designate the officials to whom such applications may be transmitted;

d. authorize such officials to make an investigation to verify the facts mentioned in the applications;

e. determine the procedure for the examination, proof, hearing and deciding of applications for pension;

f. fix the period and mode of payment of pensions;

g. provide for the notifying of the body or the member of the Executive Council charged with the application of this act, in the event of the death of a blind person receiving pension.

Payment of contributory share, etc., by Government.

4. The contributory share of the pensions for the blind to be borne by the Government of this Province under an agreement as contemplated in section 1 shall be paid by the Provincial Treasurer out of the consolidated revenue fund. This shall apply as well to the other expenses occasioned by the carrying out of any such agreement and the application of this act.

Loans authorized.

The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, however, authorize the Provincial Treasurer to borrow, for a period not exceeding thirty years and at rates of interest not exceeding four per cent per annum, the amounts required for the payment of such extraordinary expenses.

Use of proceeds from loans restricted.

The proceeds from such loans shall not be used otherwise than in the payment of the contributory share of the Government of this Province for pensions for the blind and of the other expenses incurred in the application of this act.

Advances.

5. While awaiting the proceeds of such loans, the Provincial Treasurer may advance, out of the consolidated revenue fund, the sums required for the carrying out of this act and of any agreement entered into under its authority. Such advances must be reimbursed to such fund immediately upon the receipt of the proceeds from the loans.

Reimbursement thereof.

Certifying of endorsement, of pensioners' cheque.

6. No cheque made in favour of a blind pensioner may be paid unless the endorsement thereof be certified by a minister of religion, a secretary-treasurer of a

municipal or school corporation, a justice of the peace, a commissioner of the Superior Court or a bank manager.

7. Every pension granted under this act shall be unassignable, non-seizable and exempt from provincial and municipal taxes. Unassignability, etc., of pensions.

8. The employees necessary for the carrying out of this act and of any agreement contemplated by section 1 may be appointed and their salary fixed and paid in accordance with the provisions of the Civil Service Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 10) or of the Outside Service Act (Revised Statutes, 1925, chapter 10A), as the case may be. Appointing, etc., of employees.

9. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

