



## CHAPTER 74

### An Act respecting Health Units

[Assented to, the 13th of April, 1933]

**W**HEREAS the county health unit system inaugurated in the Province in 1926, has since then greatly developed; Preamble.

Whereas, at the present time, over half of the rural and semi-urban population of the Province is enjoying the benefits of such system;

Whereas thirty-six municipal county corporations have up to the present applied for the establishment of a health unit in their territory;

Whereas the resultant improvement in public health in the counties so provided with health units more than justifies the inauguration and development of this policy; and

Whereas it is in the public interest, whenever circumstances will permit, to extend such public health system to all regions of the Province liable to benefit therefrom;

Therefore, His Majesty, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

**1.** The Revised Statutes, 1925, are amended by replacing chapter 186A thereof, as enacted by the act 18 George V, chapter 69, section 1, by the following: R. S., c. 186A, replaced.

#### “CHAPTER 186A

#### “AN ACT RESPECTING HEALTH UNITS

“**1.** This act may be cited as the *Health Units Act*. Short title.

“**2.** The health units established under the act 18 George V, chapter 69, and its amendments, shall, from the coming of health units already Permanency of health units already

established. into force of the present act, become permanent health organizations having for their object the supervision and the protection of the public health in the counties in which they are established.

Establishing of health units.

“3. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, whenever he deems it expedient, establish, on the recommendation of the Provincial Secretary, in the counties or groups of counties not yet benefiting from same, public health services formed by means of health units similar to those contemplated by section 2, so that the rural and semi-urban part of the Province may be entirely provided therewith.

Payment by municipal county corporations.

“4. Each municipal county corporation benefiting from a health unit established under the act 18 George V, chapter 69, or under the present act, shall be bound to pay, as its contributory share in the expenditure incurred for each fiscal year of the health unit from which it is benefiting, a sum calculated on the basis of one and one-half cents per hundred dollars of the amount of the taxable valuation appearing in the valuation roll in force at the time fixed for such payment in each of the municipalities comprised in the territory under the jurisdiction of such municipal county corporation, saving city or town municipalities independent of the said municipal county corporation.

How payment made.

The payment of such sum must be made by the municipal county corporation to the Provincial Treasurer at the time fixed by the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health.

Payment by independent city or town municipalities.

“5. In any county in which independent city or town municipalities, whether incorporated under general law or by special act, are situated, the said independent municipalities shall, for all purposes of public health, form part of the health unit of the county in which they are situated, and the municipal corporation of each of such independent municipalities shall be bound to pay, as its contributory share in the expenditure incurred for each fiscal year of the health unit from which it is benefiting, a sum calculated on the basis of one and one-half cents per hundred dollars of the amount of the taxable valuation appearing in the valuation roll in force in such independent municipality at the time fixed for such payment.

Payment in certain case.

Nevertheless, if the population of such an independent municipality amounts to or exceeds four thousand souls, such contributory share shall be fixed at a sum calculated

on the basis of two cents per hundred dollars of the taxable municipal valuation of the said independent municipality.

The payment of such sum by the municipal corporation must be made by it to the Provincial Treasurer at the time fixed by the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health. How payment made.

However, if in such independent municipalities, on account of the number of the population and particular conditions, certain special activities respecting health inspection and supervision are deemed necessary, the Provincial Bureau of Health may enter into arrangements with the municipal corporation of each of such independent municipalities providing for additional remuneration from the said municipal corporation for the said services. Additional remuneration in certain case.

**“6.** The sums contemplated by the above sections 4 and 5 shall be paid into the consolidated revenue fund. Payment of sums.

In the case where such sums and those derived from the contributions contemplated by section 11 are insufficient to meet the annual budget of each health unit as fixed by the Provincial Bureau of Health, the Provincial Treasurer is authorized to pay out of the amounts voted each year for such purpose by the Legislature the sums necessary to complete the said annual budget. Insufficiency in budget of health unit.

**“7.** If, in the opinion of the Provincial Secretary, certain cities or towns, the population whereof numbers or exceeds twenty thousand souls and situated within the limits of a county having a health unit, possess a sufficient public health organization, he may exempt the said cities or towns from the obligations mentioned in this act. Exemption from obligations in certain case.

**“8.** The financial year of the health units shall coincide with the financial year of the Provincial Government. Financial year.

**“9.** In counties wherein a health unit is established, before or after the coming into force of this act, such health unit shall be the municipal sanitary authority as regards the notification of contagious diseases under the terms of sections 76, 77, 79 and 80 of the Quebec Public Health Act (Chap. 186). Notification of contagious diseases.

**“10.** The medical officer of the health unit or in his default the health inspector shall be the executive officer, and the secretary-treasurer or the clerk of the municipality, as the case may be, shall be the assistant executive officer, of the municipal sanitary authority of any municipality forming part of a health unit. Medical officer, etc., as executive officer, etc.

Accepting,  
etc., of con-  
tributions.

“**11.** The Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health may accept for the purposes of establishing and maintaining health units, and hand over to the Provincial Treasurer in trust, any contribution made by the independent or outside bodies desirous of promoting the health interests in the said county health units, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of section 8 of the Quebec Public Health Act (Chap. 186.)

Direction  
and control.

“**12.** The county health units shall be under the direction and control of the Director of the Provincial Bureau of Health who may delegate any official of the said Bureau to supervise them, and who, for the internal government thereof, may make such rules as he may deem expedient.

Powers, etc.,  
of medical  
officer.

“**13.** In every county having a health unit, the medical officer of the unit shall assume, *ipso facto*, the powers, duties and prerogatives which the Quebec Public Health Act (Chap. 186) and the regulations made thereunder attribute to the inspectors of the Provincial Bureau of Health, or to the municipal health authorities, and their officers and employees.

Id., in cer-  
tain case.

Likewise in the case of the issuing of the proclamation contemplated by section 105 of Division IV of the said Quebec Public Health Act, the medical officers of the health units shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which the said Division IV attributes to the local boards of health.

Appoint-  
ment, etc.,  
of medical  
officer.

“**14.** The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall appoint the medical officer of each health unit and shall fix his salary which must be included in the annual budget of the health unit and paid in the same manner as such budget.

Id., of em-  
ployees.

Such number of employees as may be deemed necessary for each health unit may be appointed under the Outside Service Act (Chap. 10A) and the salary of such employees shall be included in the annual budget of the health unit and paid in the same manner as such budget.

Recovery of  
contribu-  
tions.

“**15.** The contributions due by the municipal corporations under this act shall be recoverable if necessary by means of an ordinary legal action taken by the Provincial Treasurer.

Carrying  
out of act.

“**16.** The Provincial Secretary is charged with the carrying out of this act.”

**2.** The provisions of sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 15 of the act enacted by section 1 of this act shall be deemed to have been in force as from June 30th, 1932, and, as from the said date, the said provisions shall be in lieu of and be substituted for the provisions of all agreements and resolutions existing at such date or at the date of the coming into force of this act, respecting the contribution by municipal corporations, under the act 18 George V, chapter 69, towards the creation and operation of health units.

The provisions of this section shall not affect the obligations and rights resulting from the above-mentioned agreements and resolutions, for the period of time prior to June 30th, 1932.

**3.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.