



CHAPTER 82

An Act to amend the Quebec Public Charities Act

[Assented to, the 4th of April, 1931]

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

1. The Quebec Public Charities Act (Revised Statutes, R. S., c. 189, 1925, chapter 189) is amended by adding thereto, after section 15 thereof, the following section: s. 15a. added.

“**15a.** If it is established to the satisfaction of the Minister that an indigent coming from a territory not erected into a municipality must be hospitalized, the bureau of public charities may, out of the funds placed at its disposal, pay all further sums that it deems necessary, in addition to the third placed at its disposal by law.” Additional payments out of funds.

2. Section 16 of the said act is replaced by the following: R. S., c. 189, s. 16, replaced.

“**16.** Except as provided under the provisions of sections 15a and 34a, the aid granted by the Government shall not, in any case, be more than one-third of the total cost of the maintenance of the indigent persons received by a public charitable institution.” Grant by Government.

3. Section 22 of the said act is amended: R. S., c. 189, s. 22, am.

a. By replacing paragraph 1 thereof by the following:

“1. An application for admission made by the indigent himself or by a relative, a friend or a protector, containing the name in full, occupation, age and domicile of the indigent person, drawn up according to form 1;” Application.

b. By repealing paragraphs 3 and 4;

c. By replacing the last paragraph thereof by the following:

Certificate must be sworn to. "The certificate required in the above paragraph 2 must be sworn to before a justice of the peace, a commissioner of the Superior Court, a notary or a recorder."

R. S., c. 189, s. 22a, replaced. **4.** Section 22a of the said act, as enacted by the act 19 George V, chapter 61, section 1, is replaced by the following:

Petition to magistrate when certificate refused. "**22a.** When the certificate mentioned in paragraph 2 of section 22 is refused, a petition may be presented to a district magistrate in the municipality in which the indigent resides or at the chief-place of the district in which such municipality is situated.

Proceeding, without costs. Such magistrate shall, after notice to the municipality by registered letter to the mayor or to the secretary-treasurer, proceed to a hearing upon such petition, by witnesses or affidavits, without costs, and shall decide finally on the state of indigency and, if need be, on the domicile of the person whose admission is applied for and advise the Quebec Bureau of Public Charities of same.

When declared indigent. Whenever a person is thus finally declared indigent, his hospitalization shall be treated as if the same had taken place on production of the certificate mentioned in paragraph 2 of section 22, and all the provisions of this act shall apply thereto.

Reopening of hearing. The magistrate, however, may, on the presentation of a petition to that effect and for good reasons, reopen the hearing and render a new decision."

R. S., c. 189, s. 26, replaced. **5.** Section 26 of the said act is replaced by the following:

Application, etc., sent to bureau. "**26.** The authorities of the public charitable institutions must, after the admission of any indigent person, send the application for admission, with the certificate accompanying it, to the bureau of public charities."

R. S., c. 189, ss. 27 and 28, repealed. **6.** Sections 27 and 28 of the said act are repealed.

Id., s. 30, am. **7.** Section 30 of the said act is amended by striking out paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 thereof.

Id., s. 33, am. **8.** Section 33 of the said act is amended by replacing the words: "with their quarterly accounts", in the first and second lines of the last paragraph thereof, by the words: "when so required by the latter".

Id., s. 34a, added. **9.** The said act is amended by adding thereto, after section 34 thereof, as amended by the act 16 George V, chapter 55, section 12, the following section:

“**34a.** Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the contrary, when the bureau of public charities, from motives of humanity and protection of the public, deems expedient the hospitalization of a person whose indigent state has not been admitted by a municipality, it may, however, under the Minister’s authority, pay for the whole or part of the hospitalization of such person.”

By whom
payment
made in cer-
tain case.

10. The said act is amended by replacing form 1, and form 2 as amended by the act 19 George V, chapter 61, section 3, by the following:

R. S., c. 189,
forms 1 and
2, replaced.

“1.—(Section 22, § 1)

Form 1.

“*Application for Admission of an Indigent Person to a Public Charitable Institution*

(Date and place)

To the authorities of (*name of the public charitable institution*).

The undersigned applies for the admission of an indigent person into (*name of the institution*).

Name of the applicant (*in the case of a married woman or a widow, give her name in full and also the name in full of her husband*).

Name of the indigent person (*in the case of a married woman or widow, give her name in full and also the name in full of her husband*).

His occupation

His age

His present domicile (*indicate the municipality in which the domicile of the indigent person is situated*).

His previous domicile (*indicate the municipality in which the previous domicile of the indigent was situated*).

(Signature)

(Post Office address of applicant).

Form 2.

“2.—(Section 22, § 2).

“Certificate of the Municipal Authorities establishing the Absolute Indigency

(Date and place).

I, the undersigned, mayor (councillor or alderman or any other person authorized to deliver such certificate, in the mayor's absence) of in the county of being duly sworn, declare to the best of my knowledge, after having been credibly informed that (name in full, age and occupation of the indigent person. In the case of a married woman, her name in full as well as the name in full of her husband must be given) is indigent and must be placed in a public charitable institution. I further declare that the municipality of in the county of has not obtained, does not obtain and will not obtain any sum of money or other value whatsoever in payment of its share of the maintenance, whereof it assumes full responsibility.

(Signature)

(Post Office address)

Sworn before me

this 19

at

(Signature)”

16 Geo. V, c. 55, s. 1, am.

11. Section 1 of the act 16 George V, chapter 55, is amended by adding thereto, after the word: “towns”, in the third line thereof, the following words: “, and in a hotel situated outside of cities and towns and affording accommodation to the extent of at least thirty-five rooms”.

Coming into force.

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