

Definitions. The words: "hospitals for the insane", and "public charities", include insane asylums, reformatory and industrial schools and all other institutions whatsoever which receive, keep, care for or nurse the sick, the poor, orphans or delinquents, and which have a contract with the Government.

Functions of Director. "**4284b.** The Medical Director of Hospitals for the Insane and Public Charities shall exercise the functions which may be allotted to him, from time to time, by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Travelling expenses. "**4284c.** The Medical Director of Hospitals for the Insane and Public Charities shall be paid, for his travelling expenses, out of the consolidated revenue fund, the sum of six dollars per day, including the days necessarily occupied on the trip, going from and returning to the place where he resides.

The statement of such expenses must be accompanied by a certificate stating the number of days for which he is entitled to apply for payment."

Provisions repealed. **2.** Articles 4088*a*, 4088*b* and 4088*c* of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as enacted by the act 8 George V, chapter 54, section 1, are repealed.

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

C H A P. 61

An Act respecting the treatment of the poor in the hospitals of the Province

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

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

1. For the purposes of this act, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning,—

Interpretation. *a.* the word: "hospital" shall mean any institution where patients in need of medical, surgical or obstetrical treatment are received, cared for and treated, and recognized as such by the director of hospitals of the Province of Quebec;

b. the words: "present residence" shall mean the residence of the indigent patient in any municipality of the Province at the time of his admission to the hospital, provided such residence shall have been for at least six months;

c. the words: "last residence" shall mean the last residence for at least six consecutive months in any municipality of the Province during the course of the last twelve months preceding the admission of the indigent patient to the hospital;

d. the words: "director of hospitals of the Province" shall mean the person appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council for the purposes of this act. Such person shall be chosen from amongst the members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec.

2. The council of any municipality is authorized to enact, by resolution, that the indigent sick having their residence or last residence within its boundaries, shall, according to the provisions of this act, be treated in a hospital at the expense of the municipality.

3. Any hospital authorities may refuse to admit any indigent patient as such into the hospital, unless a certificate be furnished them from the municipal council of the municipality where the patient has his present residence, or where he has had his last residence, setting forth the place of such residence, the indigent condition of the patient, and the fact that the municipality has, by resolution, undertaken to bear the hospital expenses of its sick, in accordance with section 2; and such certificate shall render such municipality responsible towards the hospital for the care of such patient.

4. Within three days after the discharge of an indigent patient from a hospital, the municipality where he has his present residence, or where he has had his last residence, as the case may be, must be notified by the hospital authorities by registered letter of the number of days that the patient has spent in the hospital.

5. Within twenty days after the receipt of the notice of the discharge of the patient from the hospital, the municipality may, in case it has assumed responsibility for the expenses, dispute the number of days spent by its indigent patient in the hospital. Such claim must be

made to the director of hospitals of the Province, who, after investigation, shall give his decision.

Limit of
municipali-
ty's liability.

6. In no case shall the municipality in question be responsible for hospital expenses for more than forty days for any patient, unless a new consent be given in writing by the municipal council.

Tariff of
expenses.

7. The expenses that may be charged by any hospital for the care of each indigent patient in the case provided for in this act shall be fixed at the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day for the year 1920, and shall hereafter be fixed each year by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Delay for
payment of
expenses.

8. In every case payment must be made by the municipality within three months of the discharge of the patient from the hospital, or, if he dies in the hospital, within two months of his death.

Recourse of
municipality
for amount
paid.

9. The municipality which has paid such amount to any hospital under the provisions of this act, shall have a recourse against the person or persons responsible for the support of such patient.

Coming
into force.

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

CHAP. 62

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting bodies that may be made use of for the purposes of anatomy

[Assented to, 14th of February, 1920]

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

R. S., 4884,
am.

1. Article 4884 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended by the acts 1 George V (1st session), chapter 30, section 1, and 9 George V, chapter 55, section 1, is again amended by inserting therein, after the word: "Province", in the tenth line thereof, the words: "or to any other institution authorized by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council".