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## CHAPTER H-10.1

### HOSPITALS ACT

1. (1) In this Act Definitions
- (a) “administrator” means the person who is responsible for the day to day operation and management of the affairs of a hospital, known as “the administrator” in a community hospital and known as “the executive director” in a provincial hospital; administrator
- (b) “community hospital” means a hospital that is designated as a community hospital under the *Community Hospital Authorities Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-13.1; community hospital
- (c) “Department” means the Department of Health; Department
- (d) “hospital”, unless the context indicates otherwise, means a community hospital or a provincial hospital; hospital
- (e) “medical staff” means the medical practitioners who have admitting privileges at a hospital; medical staff
- (f) “Minister” means the Minister of Health; Minister
- (g) “provincial hospital” means a hospital designated as a provincial hospital under subsection 3(1); provincial hospital
- (h) “treatment” means the observation, delivery of care and supervision of a patient, together with such necessary diagnostic procedures and special services as are provided for under the *Hospital and Diagnostic Services Insurance Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-8. treatment
- (2) This Act does not apply to Application
- (a) a nursing home or community care facility licensed under the *Community Care Facilities and Nursing Homes Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. C-13;
- (b) a youth custody facility, correctional centre, infirmary or other institution in which persons are held in custody under the *Criminal Code* (Canada) or the *Youth Criminal Justice Act* (Canada);
- (c) the Provincial Addictions Treatment Facility; or
- (d) any facility, institution or premises, or a class or type of facility, institution or premises, that is exempted by the regulations from the application of this Act.
- (3) If a provision of this Act or the regulations made under this Act is inconsistent or in conflict with a provision of another enactment, the Act prevails

provision of this Act or the regulations made under this Act prevails to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict. 2005,c.9,s.1.

Minister responsible for Act	<b>2.</b> (1) The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act.
Delegation	(2) The Minister may delegate, in writing, such authority, power, duty or function conferred or imposed on the Minister under this Act to one or more persons, as may be specified in the delegation. 2005,c.9,s.2.
Provincial hospitals	<b>3.</b> (1) The hospitals of the province listed in the Schedule are designated as provincial hospitals for the purposes of this Act.
Schedule changes	(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister may, by order, amend the Schedule (a) to add or delete a hospital; or (b) to change the name of a hospital.
Publication	(3) Every order made under subsection (2) shall be published in the Royal Gazette. 2005,c.9,s.3.
Definitions	<b>4.</b> (1) In this section,
insured service	(a) “insured service” means a basic health service as defined under the <i>Health Services Payment Act</i> R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-2 or an insured service as defined under the <i>Hospital and Diagnostic Services Insurance Act</i> ;
hospital	(b) “hospital” means any facility, institution, building, premises or place that provides to any person health services that are not insured services.
Approval of hospital	(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister, approve in accordance with the regulations, the operation of a hospital.
Revocation of approval	(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may revoke an approval granted under subsection (2), in accordance with the regulations.
Prohibition re hospitals	(4) No person shall operate a hospital in the province unless the person holds an approval granted under subsection (2).
Application	(5) This section does not apply to a community hospital or a provincial hospital. 2005,c.9,s.4.
Add building or make significant renovations	<b>5.</b> Subject to the regulations, the board of a community hospital shall not add a building or an additional facility to a community hospital or make significant renovations in a community hospital, unless the board has received the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council upon the recommendation of the Minister. 2005,c.9,s.5.

6. (1) The medical staff of a hospital shall establish a medical advisory committee in accordance with the regulations. Bylaws committee of provincial hospital Establish committees
- (2) The administrator of a hospital may, in accordance with the regulations, establish committees to further carry out the purposes of this Act, including a utilization committee, a staff review committee and a quality assurance committee.
- (3) Any committees that existed in a hospital immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall continue to function until they are replaced under this Act. 2005,c.9,s.6. Previously existing committees
7. (1) Subject to this section, the medical advisory committee of a hospital shall pass medical bylaws for the hospital respecting Medical bylaws
- (a) the quality of the professional services provided by the medical staff;
- (b) the professional practices of the medical staff;
- (c) the improvement of the care of patients under the care of the medical staff; and
- (d) the clinical and scientific work of the medical staff.
- (2) The medical bylaws passed or amended under subsection (1) shall be submitted by the medical advisory committee Submission of bylaws for approval
- (a) in the case of a provincial hospital, to the Minister for approval; or
- (b) in the case of a community hospital, to the community hospital authority board for approval.
- (3) Where a community hospital authority board has approved medical bylaws under clause (2)(b), the board shall submit the bylaws to the Minister for approval. *Idem*
- (4) A bylaw passed or amended under this section does not come into effect until it is approved by the Minister under subsection (5). Not in effect until approval
- (5) The Minister may approve the medical bylaws that are submitted under this section. Minister may approve bylaws
- (6) The medical staff of a hospital shall comply with the medical bylaws approved by the Minister under subsection (5). No implementation without approval
- (7) All bylaws that were in effect in respect of a hospital immediately before the coming into force of this Act shall continue in effect in respect of that hospital until they are replaced under this Act. 2005,c.9,s.7. Bylaws previous to this Act
8. (1) A record regarding a patient compiled for hospital purposes by a member of the staff of the hospital is the property of the Department. Hospital records

Disclosure of information	<p>(2) No person shall disclose information relating to the health services provided to, or the medical condition of, any patient, without the consent of the patient, except</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) to the patient who received the services;</li> <li>(b) to the staff of a hospital;</li> <li>(c) for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of this Act and the regulations;</li> <li>(d) in connection with the administration of the <i>Workers' Compensation Act</i> R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-7.1;</li> <li>(e) to surveyors carrying out an accreditation survey;</li> <li>(f) as non-identifying information, disclosed for the purpose of improving the delivery of hospital services;</li> <li>(g) as authorized by the regulations; or</li> <li>(h) as otherwise required by law.</li> </ul>
Electronic systems access	<p>(3) The Minister may authorize persons responsible for the implementation, support, maintenance and development of the electronic information systems used by a provincial or community hospital to have access to the electronic information maintained within the systems. 2005,c.9,s.8.</p>
Liability	<p><b>9.</b> The Minister, the administrator of a provincial hospital, the employees of the Department and any person acting on their instructions or under the authority of this Act or the regulations, are not personally liable for any loss or damage suffered by any person by reason of any act done or not done by any of them in good faith in the exercise or purported exercise of their duties or functions. 2005,c.9,s.9.</p>
Offences	<p><b>10.</b> Every person who contravenes a provision of this Act or the regulations made under this Act is guilty of an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, for a first offence to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to three months, or both. 2005,c.9,s.10.</p>
Regulations	<p><b>11.</b> (1) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) respecting the classifications, grades and standards of hospitals;</li> <li>(b) respecting the operation, management, control and use of hospitals;</li> <li>(c) respecting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the records respecting patients to be maintained by staff at a hospital including medical records, orders for treatment, nursing notes, charts, record sheets, x-rays and other diagnostic tests and records made by the staff of a hospital,</li> <li>(ii) the preparation, maintenance, storage, retention, removal and destruction of records,</li> <li>(iii) the confidentiality, release, inspection and disclosure of records, and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- (iv) information management and procedures;
- (d) respecting services provided at a hospital by a community hospital authority or by the province, including medical, nursing and diagnostic services, the services of other health professionals, blood services and all other services rendered at a hospital;
- (e) respecting the process for the granting and withdrawal of privileges to and from medical practitioners;
- (f) respecting the disposal of bodily fluids and medical or hazardous waste;
- (g) respecting the disposal of human tissue and the pathology reports required for such disposal;
- (h) respecting the establishment and duties of the committees of a hospital;
- (i) respecting incident reports;
- (j) respecting deaths in a hospital and post mortem examinations;
- (k) respecting disaster planning and procedures;
- (l) respecting the handling of drugs, medications, vitamins and other therapeutic fluids or substances administered to a patient in a hospital;
- (m) respecting the records, books, accounting systems, audits, reports and returns to be kept or made by an administrator or a community hospital board;
- (n) requiring reports and returns to be provided to the Minister concerning the operation of a hospital and prescribing the times at which and the form in which they shall be provided and the period to be covered by a report or return;
- (o) exempting a facility or premises or a class or type of hospital from the application of this Act;
- (p) respecting an approval, or the revocation of an approval, of a hospital under subsections 4(3) and (4) of this Act;
- (q) defining words and expressions used but not defined in this Act; and
- (r) generally, to give effect to the purposes of this Act.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may declare that regulations made under this Act apply to any one or more hospitals or class of hospitals as the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers appropriate. 2005,c.9,s.11. Application of regulations

**12.** Any regulations made under the *Hospitals Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-10 remain in force and shall be deemed to have been made under this Act insofar as they are not inconsistent with this Act, until those regulations are repealed or other regulations are made in their stead. 2005,c.9,s.12. Transitional

**13.** Sections 13-15 consequential amendments. 2005,c.9,s.13.

Repeal

**16.** The *Hospitals Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-10 is repealed.  
2005,c.9,s.16.

**SCHEDULE  
PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS**

Queen Elizabeth Hospital  
Prince County Hospital  
Hillsborough Hospital