BILL

No. 226 of 1999

An Act respecting the Provision of Health Services

(Assented to , 1999)

WHEREAS the citizens of Saskatchewan find the length of time to secure adequate Health Services in Hospitals unacceptable; and

WHEREAS the citizens believe that the delays in securing Health Services in Hospitals are indicative of the Government’s lack of providing an adequate Health Care Program for Saskatchewan;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as The Health Waiting List Elimination and Accountability Act.

Interpretation

2 In this Act, “hospital” means a hospital that has been approved pursuant to clause 3(a) of The Hospital Standards Act.

Hospitals to prepare lists of cases awaiting services

3 The Minister of Health shall require each hospital to submit to the minister, on a monthly basis within 15 days after the end of each month, a report in respect of the previous month of the number of cases in the hospital awaiting diagnostic services or medical, surgical or obstetric treatment designated pursuant to section 6.

Minister to table report of number of cases awaiting services

4(1) The Minister of Health, within 30 days after each month in respect of which he has received reports under section 3, shall prepare and submit for tabling in the Legislative Assembly a report of the total number of cases in hospitals awaiting the services and treatments mentioned in section 3 as set out in those reports.

(2) When the Legislature is not in session or is adjourned, the Minister of Health shall submit the report to Mr. Speaker.
Declaration of emergency

5 Where, with respect to any month, the total number of cases set out in a report prepared pursuant to section 4 exceeds 2,000, the Minister of Health shall declare a crisis with respect to health care and shall, within 15 days of the declaration, prepare and submit for tabling in the Legislative Assembly a plan by which the Minister of Health intends to reduce the number of cases to 2,000 or less.

Provincial Auditor to designate treatments, etc.

6(1) The Provincial Auditor shall, within 30 days after this Act comes into force, designate diagnostic services and medical, surgical and obstetric treatment for the purposes of section 3.

(2) For the purpose of carrying out his duties under subsection (1), the Provincial Auditor may accept recommendations from groups representing consumers, health professionals and others.

Coming into force

7 This Act comes into force on assent.