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# *The Department of Public Health Act*

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Chapter 29 of *The Revised Statutes of Saskatchewan, 1953*  
(effective February 1, 1954).

FOR HISTORICAL REFERENCE ONLY

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## CHAPTER 29

### An Act respecting the Department of Public Health

#### Short title

- 1 This Act may be cited as *The Department of Public Health Act*.

R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.1.

#### Organization

- 2 There shall be a department of the Government of Saskatchewan which shall be called the Department of Public Health, over which the Minister of Public Health shall preside.

R.S.S. 1940, c.26, s.2; R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.2.

#### Scope

- 3 All that part of the administration of the Government of Saskatchewan which relates to public health shall be under the control of the department.

R.S.S. 1940, c.26, s.3; R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.3.

#### Duties

- 4 The department shall:
- (a) administer *The Public Health Act*, *The Venereal Disease Prevention Act*, *The Vital Statistics Act*, and such other Acts as may be from time to time assigned to it by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
  - (b) institute inquiry and collect facts and statistics relating to all matters of public health;
  - (c) disseminate information in such manner and form as may be found best adapted to promote health and to prevent and suppress disease;
  - (d) secure the observance and execution of the provisions of all Acts and regulations dealing with matters of public health and vital statistics;
  - (e) issue from time to time such reports, statistics, circulars and other publications as may be deemed advisable; and
  - (f) perform such other duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by law or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

R.S.S. 1940, c.26, s.4; R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.4.

#### Staff

- 5 The staff of the department shall consist of a deputy minister, to be called the Deputy Minister of Public Health, who shall be a duly qualified medical practitioner, and such other employees as are requisite for the proper conduct of the business of the department.

R.S.S. 1940, c.26, s.5; R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.5.

**Persons required to furnish information**

**6(1)** It shall be the duty of every official of a public institution, supported in whole or in part by the province and of every medical health officer, every secretary of a board of health, every clerk or secretary of a city, town, village or rural municipality, every secretary or a school board or school unit and every medical practitioner, to answer promptly all communications from the department, to collect and tabulate facts according to any instructions given them by the department and to supply correct information as to all matters submitted to them.

(2) Any person mentioned in subsection (1) who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions thereof is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25.

R.S.S. 1940, c.26, s.6; R.S.S. 1953, c.29, s.6.