

## CHAPTER I

## Anti-Inflation Measures Act

[Assented to 9th June, 1976.]

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Interpre-  
tation.

## 1. In this Act

"Federal guidelines" means the guidelines established by regulation pursuant to section 3 of the *Anti-Inflation Act* (Canada) as amended from time to time,

"minister" means that member of the Executive Council charged by order of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council with the administration of this Act.

## Purpose.

## 2. The purpose of this Act is to authorize

- (a) the investigation of the effect of inflation on the prices of commodities and services,
- (b) the temporary regulation of the prices of commodities and services, and
- (c) co-operation with Canada in carrying out anti-inflation programmes.

Investigation  
by minister.

3. The minister may initiate and carry out any investigation, survey, research, study, inquiry, or inventory respecting any matter affecting the prices for the supply of commodities and services.

## Inquiries.

4. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may, by order, authorize the minister

- (a) to appoint, on such terms and conditions as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may prescribe, such persons as are necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act or the terms of agreements entered into under section 5, and
- (b) to confer upon a person appointed under paragraph (a) the powers, privileges and authority conferred upon a Commissioner under sections 7, 10 and 11 of the *Public Inquiries Act*.

## Agreements.

5. The minister may, on behalf of the Government and with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, enter into agreements

- (a) with Canada respecting the application of the *Anti-Inflation Act* (Canada), the regulations and Federal guidelines in the Province, and the manner and extent to which the *Anti-Inflation Act* (Canada), the regulations, or the Federal guidelines shall apply to the prices of commodities or services and the compensation of employees in the Provincial public sector, and

- (b) with Canada, or any other province or state, or with their departments or agencies, as the minister considers necessary or advisable for the purpose of carrying out any of his powers and duties under this Act, or for exchanging information or statistics, or for any other joint action

## Regulations

6. (1) The Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the Lieutenant-Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) defining for the purpose of the regulations "price", "commodities", "services" and any other word or expression used in the regulations,
- (b) establishing the maximum price that may be charged for the supply of a commodity or service,
- (c) establishing general guidelines for the restraint of prices of commodities and services, and
- (d) requiring a person to provide such information and access to his records as the minister or a person designated by him may require

(3) A regulation or guideline made under subsection (2) (b) or (c) terminates 60 days after it comes into force if the Legislative Assembly is then sitting, and if the Legislative Assembly is not sitting, the regulation terminates 90 days after the commencement of the next ensuing sitting

(4) A person who

- (a) provides information under subsection (2) (d) that is false or misleading, or
- (b) to avoid compliance with a regulation or guideline made under subsection (2) (b) or (c),
  - (i) destroys, alters, secretes or disposes of records, or
  - (ii) makes false or deceptive entries in records, or
  - (iii) omits any material particular from records, or
- (c) fails to comply with the regulations or guidelines made under subsection (2) (b) or (c)

is guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of not more than \$10,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 2 years.

(5) A regulation, guideline, or order made under this Act is subject to a regulation, guideline, or order respecting the prices or rates of commodities or services made by a body that, pursuant to any other Act, is empowered to establish or approve prices or rates of certain commodities or services, and where a regulation, guideline, or order made under this Act conflicts or is inconsistent with a regulation, guideline, or order made under the other Act, in respect of a certain commodity or service, the regulation, guideline, or order made under this Act is modified to the extent necessary

**Appropriation.**

7. Money required for the purpose of this Act shall be paid, until March 31, 1977 out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund without the necessity of an appropriation other than this Act, and thereafter with money authorized by an Act of the Legislature for the purpose.

**Commencement.**

8. This Act comes into force on a day to be fixed by Proclamation.