

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA.

BILL 149.

An Act to establish a Department of National Health and Welfare.

HIS Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

- Short title. **1.** This Act may be cited as *The Department of National Health and Welfare Act*. 5
- Definitions.  
"Department".  
"Minister".  
"Deputy Minister". **2.** In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—  
(a) "Department" means the Department of National Health and Welfare;  
(b) "Minister" means the Minister of National Health and Welfare; 10  
(c) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister, or Deputy Ministers, of National Health and Welfare.
- Establishment of Department. **3.** (1) There shall be a department of the Government of Canada which shall be called the Department of National Health and Welfare over which the Minister of National Health and Welfare for the time being appointed by commission under the Great Seal of Canada shall preside. 15  
(2) The Minister shall have the management and direction of the Department and shall hold office during pleasure.
- Management and Direction.
- Deputy Minister. **4.** (1) The Governor in Council may appoint an officer, 20 or two officers, who shall be called the Deputy Minister, or Deputy Ministers, of National Health and Welfare who shall be the deputy head, or deputy heads, of the Department and who shall hold office during pleasure.
- Officers and other employees. (2) Such other officers, clerks and employees as are 25 necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Department shall be appointed or employed in the manner authorized by law.
- Transfer of members of staff. (3) Notwithstanding anything contained in the immediately preceding subsection of this section, the Governor in 30 Council may designate persons who, prior to the commence-