

#### BILL NO. 11

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# **An Act Respecting Administrative Efficiency** and **Accountability in Healthcare**

CHAPTER 2 ACTS OF 2025

### AS ASSENTED TO BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROVINCE MARCH 26, 2025

The Honourable Michelle Thompson Minister of Health and Wellness

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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## An Act Respecting Administrative Efficiency and Accountability in Healthcare

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 This Act may be cited as the *Administrative Efficiency and Accountability in Health-care Act*.
  - 2 Chapter 13 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Anatomy Act*, is repealed.
- 3 Chapter 4 of the Acts of 2009, the *Emergency Department Accountability Act*, is repealed.
- 4 Subsection 11(1) of Chapter 197 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Health Services* and *Insurance Act*, as enacted by Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2023, is amended by
  - (a) striking out "and" at the end of clause (d); and
  - (b) adding immediately after clause (d) the following clause:
  - (da) requiring or permitting providers to charge, in whole or in part, a private or public plan of insurance other than the M.S.I. Plan, if one is available, for the provision of an insured professional service to cover some or all of the cost of the insured professional service; and
- 5 Section 29 of Chapter 197, as amended by Chapter 20 of the Acts of 1992 and Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2023, is further amended by adding immediately after subsection (2) the following subsections:
  - (3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), where a provider renders an insured professional service in respect of which the Minister, under Section 11, has determined that the provider may or shall charge a plan of insurance other than under this Act, if one is available, to cover some or all of the cost of the insured professional service, the provider may charge the other plan of insurance a fee that exceeds the fee or compensation for the same or similar insured professional service provided in the tariff of fees or other system of payment established pursuant to this Act.
  - (4) For greater certainty, a provider who charges a plan of insurance other than under this Act for the provision of an insured professional service as required or permitted by the Minister under Section 11, including where, under subsection (3), the provider charges the other plan of insurance a fee which exceeds the fee or compensation for the same or similar insured professional service provided in the tariff of fees or other system of payment established pursuant to this Act, shall not charge the patient any fee for the provision of the service unless the provider has made an election that is in effect under Section 27.

#### 6 Subsection 36(1) of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 2019, the *Human Organ and Tissue Donation Act*, is amended by adding immediately after clause (k) the following clause:

- (ka) respecting the reception, treatment and disposition of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, regulations
  - (i) authorizing the Minister to appoint a person or persons to receive, arrange for the storage of and transfer or otherwise dispose of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes,
  - (ii) prescribing conditions, standards and other requirements and authorizations for the reception, storage, treatment, transfer and disposition of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes,
  - (iii) requiring persons or facilities to deliver human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes to a person or persons appointed under subclause (i), and prescribing conditions, standards or requirements for such delivery,
  - (iv) prescribing authorized uses of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes, and conditions, standards or requirements for such uses,
  - (v) authorizing a person appointed under subclause (i) to compel production of records and to inspect records and premises where human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes are used or located,
  - (vi) authorizing or requiring a person appointed under subclause (i) to charge and collect any costs and expenses incurred directly or indirectly in the performance of the person's duties and authorities from persons who receive or use human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes,
  - (vii) prohibiting or imposing conditions on the removal from the Province of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes, and
  - (viii) authorizing the Minister to permit or require the delivery of human organs, tissue or bodies donated after death for scientific research or education purposes to research or educational facilities or institutions outside the Province;
- 7 Sections 2 and 6 have effect on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

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