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Government Bill

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An Act to Provide for Defraying Certain Charges and Expenses of the Public Service of the Province

CHAPTER 5
ACTS OF 2025

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

The Honourable John Lohr
Minister of Finance and Treasury Board

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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of the Public Service of the Province**

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Appropriations Act, 2025*.

2 The several sums of money hereinafter stated are granted to His Honour the Lieutenant Governor for the purpose of defraying the undermentioned several charges and expenses of the public service for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026:

Department of Advanced Education	\$ 732,171,000
Department of Agriculture	47,946,000
Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage . .	168,120,000
Department of Cyber Security and Digital Solutions	283,921,000
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development . .	2,225,951,000
Department of Emergency Management	61,060,000
Department of Energy	48,613,000
Department of Environment and Climate Change	80,124,000
Department of Finance and Treasury Board	48,406,000
Debt Servicing Costs, Department of Finance and Treasury Board	908,509,000
Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture	15,095,000
Department of Growth and Development	400,214,000
Department of Health and Wellness	5,976,833,000
Department of Justice	489,245,000
Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration	246,453,000
Department of Municipal Affairs	337,882,000
Department of Natural Resources	112,138,000
Department of Opportunities and Social Development	1,676,809,000
Elections Nova Scotia	4,770,000
Executive Council	17,039,000
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Review Office	1,327,000
Government Contributions to Benefit Plans	8,828,000
Human Rights Commission	3,080,000
Intergovernmental Affairs	5,498,000

Legislative Services	26,157,000
Nova Scotia Energy and Regulatory Boards Tribunal	2,334,000
Nova Scotia Police Complaints Commissioner	453,000
Nova Scotia Securities Commission	3,429,000
Office of Addictions and Mental Health	363,793,000
Office of Equity and Anti-Racism	4,321,000
Office of Healthcare Professionals Recruitment	8,627,000
Office of L'nu Affairs	5,615,000
Office of the Auditor General	6,766,000
Office of the Ombudsman	2,300,000
Public Prosecution Service	32,092,000
Public Service Commission	25,699,000
Service Efficiency	3,146,000
Department of Public Works	840,141,000
Department of Seniors and Long-term Care	1,462,480,000
Department of Service Nova Scotia	164,805,000
Restructuring Costs	551,472,000
Refundable Tax Credits	147,960,000
Pension Valuation Adjustment	17,079,000
Capital Purchase Requirements	1,873,288,000
Serial Retirements	16,655,000
Contingency	200,000,000

3 The several sums shall be paid by the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board, subject to any applicable statutes, out of the moneys that are applicable to the purposes for which the several sums are granted.

4 In addition to borrowing authorized by other enactments, the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board is authorized to borrow, for the purpose of and in accordance with the *Finance Act*, the sum of \$3,100,000,000 for the public service, by any means and from any source, for a term greater than three hundred sixty-five days, either before or after the expiration of the 2025-26 fiscal year.

5 This Act has effect on and after April 1, 2025.
