

## **Bill #3 Healthcare Initiative Act**

**WHEREAS** “Canada ranks the fifth most expensive country of the OECD in terms of per capita health care expenditures, dedicating resources equal to a whopping 11.4% of GDP to health care”;<sup>1</sup> and

**WHEREAS** A recent survey, conducted by EKOS for The Conference Board of Canada, indicated that 90 percent of Canadians believe that health care should be the main priority for national decision-makers, ahead of other important issues such as the economy and the environment;<sup>2</sup> and

**WHEREAS** “The Canadian health-care system was originally designed around hospitals and, to a fault, it remains so today- a system whose hospitals struggle to cope with changing patient demand, an aging population, higher costs, global budgets imposed by provincial capitals, fast-developing technologies, rigid rules, new drugs, and the social inequities that lead to poor health.”<sup>3</sup>

### **HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA, ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

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- 1** As of January 1, 2015 the Government of Canada shall establish the Healthcare Equal For All [HEFA] board, an organization responsible for organizing all healthcare systems within Canada.
- 2** HEFA will have a Centralized Canadian Health Board [CCHB] made up of medical professionals from each province and territory that will meet annually to create a report of recommended changes to Canadian healthcare systems.
  - (1) The CCHB is made up of no more than 78 and no less than 39 medical professionals, with representation from every region and healthcare specialty.
  - (2) At the annual meeting rates of reimbursement, new medical procedures, cost effectiveness and quality of care for medical procedures will be assessed.
  - (3) Establish and update a list of activities and products that prove to be a significant risk to health status.

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<sup>1</sup> Dupuis, N.M. (2013). The Problem with Canada’s Unsustainable Health System. *Huffington Post*. Retrieved from [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/natasha-macdonalddupuis/the-future-of-canadian-healthcare\\_b\\_4429892.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/natasha-macdonalddupuis/the-future-of-canadian-healthcare_b_4429892.html)

<sup>2</sup> Hodgson, G., Muzyka, D., Prada, G. (2012). The Inconvenient Truths About Canadian Healthcare. *The Conference Board of Canada*. Retrieved from [http://www.conferenceboard.ca/cashc/research/2012/inconvenient\\_truths.aspx](http://www.conferenceboard.ca/cashc/research/2012/inconvenient_truths.aspx)

<sup>3</sup> Simpson, J. (2012). Jeffery Simpson: The real problem with Canadian health care. *National Post*. Retrieved from [http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/10/04/jeffrey-simpson-the-real-problem-with-canadian-health-care/?\\_federated=1](http://fullcomment.nationalpost.com/2012/10/04/jeffrey-simpson-the-real-problem-with-canadian-health-care/?_federated=1)

- 3 **HEFA** will enforce a tax on all leisure and transportation activities that are likely to cause death or serious injury according to the **CCHB**. Activities eligible to be taxed must have a risk factor of five micromorts or more. Activities that meet this requirement may include but are not limited to; scuba diving, skydiving, running a marathon, hang gliding, spending long periods of time in a coal mine, travelling 1850km by car, and base-jumping.
- 4 Everyone living within Canada must submit their updated health status to **HEFA** annually.
  - (1) A physical or electronic copy of one's updated health status must be included within one's taxes.
    - (a) The health status of all dependents must be included as well.
    - (b) The submission of their updated health status will occur automatically at any medical consultation.
  - (2) Any corporation composing more than 10 employees or municipality in which more than 80% of the population is overweight will be fined.
    - (a) The fine money received from municipality will be used to build, expand, or create healthy facilities within the area.
  - (3) Failure to submit updated health status to **HEFA** will result in a tax fine.
- 5 In order to insure a sufficient number of medical professionals in the future the following will be instituted nationwide:
  - (1) All students who are enrolled in a licensed medical program will be reimbursed fully for their tuition after working for a Canadian healthcare institution for 5 years.
  - (2) The annual salary of medical professionals will be capped at \$500,000.
  - (3) Medical professionals will be eligible to retire at any age and be entitled to collect any applicable retirement benefit.