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An Act Respecting Support Services for Disabled Persons in Self-managed Care

CHAPTER 12
ACTS OF 2005

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PROVINCE
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Self-managed Support-care Act*.

2 In this Act,

(a) “approved recipient” means a disabled individual for whom a duly qualified care-needs assessor has certified to the Minister that self-managed support services are appropriate;

(b) “approved setting” means a place or set of circumstances in which a duly qualified care-needs assessor has certified to the Minister it is appropriate for an approved recipient to receive support services;

(c) “Minister” means the Minister of Health;

(d) “support services” includes personal-care services and home-support services and may include attendant care in social and volunteer settings.

3 (1) Subject to subsection (3), the Minister shall, before December 31, 2005, establish a Province-wide self-managed support-care program that enables approved recipients to receive self-managed support services in their homes or other approved settings.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), the self-managed support-care program referred to in subsection (1) shall

(a) permit the recipient of self-managed support services to select the person that provides the support services to the recipient; and

(b) provide funding for the payment for the support services to the recipient either directly to the recipient or through a funding delivery agent designated by the Minister.

(3) The moneys required for the purpose of subsections (1) and (2) shall be paid out of moneys appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.

4 (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations

(a) prescribing standards for support services;

(b) establishing funding criteria for support services;

(c) establishing standards and requirements for the self-managed support-care program;

(d) designating places or circumstances as approved settings;

(e) prescribing the terms and conditions for the receipt of support services;

(f) defining any word or expression used but not defined in this Act;

(g) further defining any word or expression defined in this Act;

(h) respecting any matter that the Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Act.

(2) The exercise by the Governor in Council of the authority contained in subsection (1) is regulations within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*.
