CHAPTER 282

Ministry of Industry and Tourism Act

1. In this Act,

(a) "Minister" means the Minister of Industry and Tourism;

(b) "Ministry" means the Ministry of Industry and Tourism. 1972, c. 5, s. 1.

2.—(1) The ministry of the public service known as the Ministry of Industry and Tourism is continued. 1972, c. 5, s. 2 (1), revised.

(2) The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Ministry and is responsible for the administration of this and such other Acts and regulations made thereunder as are assigned to him by the provisions thereof or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1972, c. 5, s. 2 (2).

3. The Minister shall,

(a) cause the Ministry to stimulate employment and income opportunity through the effective development of industry, trade and tourism;

(b) promote the establishment, growth, efficiency and improvement of industry, trade and tourism in Ontario;

(c) develop and carry out such programs and activities as may be appropriate,

(i) to assist the adaptation of industry to changing conditions in domestic and export markets, and to changes in the techniques of production and delivery of services,

(ii) to identify and assist those industries that require special measures to develop an unrealized potential or to cope with exceptional problems of adjustments;
(d) participate with other jurisdictions, with associations and organizations and with public and private enterprises with a view to formulate plans to create, assist and develop the human and material resources of Ontario;

(e) encourage and promote improvement in the standards of accommodation, facilities and services offered to the travelling and vacationing public; and

(f) publicize the tourist industry and the resources, attractions and advantages of Ontario. 1972, c. 5, s. 3.

4. The Minister may, in exercising his powers and carrying out his duties and functions under this Act,

(a) consult with and organize conferences of representatives of industry, trade and tourism and labour, and also co-operate with federal, provincial and municipal authorities and other interested parties;

(b) promote or conduct surveys and inquiries in matters of interest to industry and tourism;

(c) encourage research for the advancement of industry and tourism;

(d) collect and disseminate information on such aspects of the provincial economy as affect the development of industry and tourism; and

(e) assist industry and tourism in any other manner considered to be proper. 1972, c. 5, s. 4.

5.—(1) The Minister may, for the purpose of carrying out this Act or of exercising any of his powers or carrying out any of his duties and functions, employ any person who is resident in a country or territory other than Canada or in a province or territory of Canada other than Ontario in the service of the Crown in the country, territory or province in which he is resident.

(2) A person employed under subsection (1) shall be considered not to be a Crown employee for the purposes of any Act of the Legislature or any regulation made thereunder. 1979, c. 13, s. 1, part.

6.—(1) The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may approve any area in Ontario that
is considered to require assistance to attract industrial development as an area of equalization of industrial opportunity.

(2) The Minister shall,

(a) undertake research and make investigations respecting the areas of equalization of industrial opportunity; and

(b) prepare and carry out such programs and projects to improve the economic development of areas of equalization of industrial opportunity as may be appropriate and that cannot suitably be undertaken by other ministries, branches or agencies of the Government of Ontario. 1972, c. 5, s. 5.

7.—(1) The Minister, for and in the name of the Crown, may enter into any contract or agreement that he considers advisable for the purpose of carrying out this Act or of exercising any of his powers or carrying out any of his duties and functions or respecting any public works or property under the control of the Ministry and any such contract or agreement enures to the benefit of the Crown and may be enforced as if entered into with the Crown.

(2) Where, under this or any other Act or otherwise, a power or duty, including a power or duty to enter into a contract or agreement for and in the name of the Crown, is granted to or vested in the Minister, he may in writing delegate that power or duty to the Deputy Minister of Industry and Tourism or to any officer or officers of the Ministry, subject to such limitations, conditions and requirements as the Minister may set out in the delegation.

(3) Notwithstanding the Executive Council Act, a contract or agreement made by a person empowered to do so under subsection (2) has the same effect as if made and signed by the Minister. 1979, c. 13, s. 1, part.

8. The expenses of the Ministry in carrying out its objectives shall be paid out of the moneys appropriated therefor by the Legislature. 1972, c. 5, s. 6.