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1. In this Act,
   (a) "Department" means the Department of Health;
   (b) "Deputy Minister" means the Deputy Minister of Health;
   (c) "Minister" means the Minister of Health. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 1.

2.—(1) The department of the public service known as the Department of Health is continued.
   (2) The Minister shall preside over and have charge of the Department.
   (3) The Deputy Minister shall be the chief medical officer for Ontario and he shall perform such duties as are assigned to him by the Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister.
   (4) Such officers, clerks and servants may be appointed under The Public Service Act as are required from time to time for the proper conduct of the business of the Department. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 2.

3. The Minister is responsible for the administration of this Act and any other Acts that are assigned to him by the provisions thereof or by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 3.

4.—(1) The Minister shall,
   (a) advise the Government in respect of the health of the people of Ontario; and
   (b) oversee and promote the health and the physical and mental well-being of the people of Ontario.
   (2) The Minister in exercising his powers and carrying out his duties and functions under this Act,
   (a) shall inquire into and determine the health facilities, services and personnel required to meet the health needs of the people of Ontario;
   (b) may recommend to the Government the methods and programs by which the health needs of the people of Ontario can be met;
(c) shall promote and assist in the development of adequate health resources, both human and material, in Ontario; and

(d) may initiate or promote research and planning studies into matters relating to the health needs of Ontario. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 4.

5. The Minister, with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, may on behalf of the Government of Ontario make agreements with municipalities or other persons or corporations respecting the provision of health facilities, services or personnel referred to in clause a of subsection 2 of section 4. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 5.

6. The Minister may, out of the moneys appropriated by the Legislature therefor,

(a) make grants to universities and any non-profit organizations for research and training of persons for the health sciences field in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the regulations prescribe;

(b) provide bursaries and loans for educational and training purposes in respect of health to such persons, in such amounts and upon such terms and conditions as the regulations prescribe;

(c) make grants for developing health resources to such persons and organizations and upon such terms and conditions as the regulations prescribe; and

(d) convene conferences and conduct seminars and educational programs respecting health matters. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 6.

7.—(1) There shall be a senior advisory body to the Government and to the Minister on health matters, known as the Ontario Council of Health, consisting of the Deputy Minister who shall be chairman and such other persons numbering not fewer than sixteen, as are appointed members by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) It is the duty of the Council to advise the Government and the Minister on health matters and needs of the people of Ontario and to perform such other duties as are referred to it by the Minister or the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(3) The Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Minister may appoint committees to perform such advisory functions as are considered necessary or desirable in order to assist the Minister in the discharge of his duties. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 7.
8. The Minister may,

(a) collect such information and statistics respecting health 
resources, facilities and services and any other matters 
relating to the health needs or conditions affecting the 
public as are considered necessary or advisable; and 

(b) publish any information collected under clause a. 
1968-69, c. 26, s. 8.

9. The Minister after the close of each year shall submit to the 
Lieutenant Governor in Council an annual report upon the affairs 
of the Department and shall then lay the report before the 
Assembly if it is in session or, if not, at the next ensuing 
session. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 9.

10. After this section comes into force, all annual reports 
required to be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor, the 
Lieutenant Governor in Council or the Assembly by the Minister 
or an official of the Department under any other Act shall be 
deemed to be included in the report submitted under section 9 and 
need not be submitted in accordance with such other 
Act. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 10.

11. The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations 
providing for the payment of grants, bursaries and loans for 
the purposes of section 6. 1968-69, c. 26, s. 11.

12. Sections 9 and 10 come into force on a day to be named by 
the Lieutenant Governor by his proclamation. 1968-69, c. 26, 
s. 12 (2).