

Thirty-fifth Legislative Assembly

BILL NO.

Act Respecting the Yukon Medical Association

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Committee of the Whole:

Third Reading:

Assented to:

Explanatory Note

This enactment:

- recognizes the Yukon Medical Association as the sole bargaining agent to all medical practitioners in accordance with the terms of this Act,
- authorizes the establishment of arbitration processes to resolve disputes arising from those agreements.

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The Commissioner of Yukon, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly, enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

In this Act,

“Memorandum of Agreement” means any agreement entered into between the Yukon Medical Association and the Government of the Yukon and any other party concerning any fees, terms and conditions of service and any contract for service or of service and any other compensation; remuneration or other matters of mutual interest;

“medical practitioner” means a person registered under the **Medical Profession Act**;

“Yukon Medical Association” means the voluntary association of medical practitioners in the Yukon registered under the *Societies Act*;

2. Bargaining Agent

The Yukon Medical Association is the sole bargaining agent on behalf of all registered medical practitioners in the Yukon Territory with respect to all matters relating to their engagement as medical practitioners including as it relates to fees, salary, and other forms of compensation for all services rendered in the practice of medicine, including but not limited to, those who receive payment from the Government of Yukon in accordance with the *Health Care Insurance Plan Act*.

3. Agreements

The Yukon Medical Association may enter into agreements, not inconsistent with this Act, with the Government or its agents, that bind all medical practitioners.

4. Membership and Dues

- (1) All medical practitioners shall be offered the opportunity to join the Yukon Medical Association.
- (2) All medical practitioners shall pay dues to the Yukon Medical Association as set out in the bylaws.

5. Rights arbitration

- (1) The Memorandum of Agreement shall establish a dispute resolution process for all disputes that arise out of the interpretation, application, operation or any contravention or alleged contravention of an agreement between the parties made in accordance with this Act, and a dispute shall be settled by arbitration whereby the parties will select an arbitrator to resolve any dispute.
- (2) The cost of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties unless otherwise agreed.

6. Interest Arbitration

- (1) The Memorandum of Agreement shall establish a binding dispute resolution process for all disputes in which the parties are unable to come to an agreement related to the contents of the Memorandum of Agreement.
- (2) The provisions of the agreement established through arbitration shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (3) The cost of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the parties unless otherwise agreed.

7. Appointment of Arbitrator

- (1) Unless otherwise provided in the Memorandum of Agreement, in the event the parties are unable to agree on the appointment of the arbitrator, an application may be made by either party to the Supreme Court of the Yukon Territory for the appointment of the arbitrator.
- (2) A judge of the Supreme Court shall appoint an arbitrator upon application by either party.

8. Commencement

This Act comes into force on January 1, 2026.