

The Committee of Council submit for the consideration of  
His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor a Bill intituled

An Act to amend the "Lunacy Act."

and advise that the same be transmitted by Message to the  
Legislative Assembly.

Victoria, First day of November, A.D. 1923.

*John Oliver*  
Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

Approved this First day of November, A.D. 1923.

*W. S. ...*  
Lieutenant-Governor.

*[Signature]*  
Lieutenant-Governor.

HON. ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

## BILL.

No. 5.]

[1923.

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R.S.B.C. 1911,  
c. 148; 1912, c. 22;  
1916, c. 39;  
1918, c. 52.

**H**IS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the "Lunacy Act Amendment Act, Short title. 1923."

2. Section 48 of the "Lunacy Act," being chapter 148 of the Amends s. 48. "Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1911," as re-enacted by section 2 of the "Lunacy Act Amendment Act, 1918," is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

"(2.) Where the Attorney-General in the exercise of his powers as committee of any lunatic under this Act has commenced or carried on any proceedings for the recovery or for the sale or other disposition of the property of the lunatic, or otherwise in respect of his estate, the Attorney-General may, if he considers it advisable so to do, continue and complete the proceedings on behalf of the lunatic or his estate, including the collection and receipt of moneys and the transfer and conveyance of real and personal property, notwithstanding the fact that the lunatic has escaped or has been discharged from the public hospital for insane or is dead; and for such purpose the Attorney-General, without obtaining any order, directions, or authority from any Court, shall have and may exercise all the powers conferred upon him by this Act to the same extent as if the lunatic were alive and an inmate of a public hospital for insane and had no committee."

3. Section 50 of said chapter 148, as amended by section 4 of the Amends s. 50. "Lunacy Act Amendment Act, 1918," is amended by adding thereto the following subsection:—

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"(3.) For the purpose of meeting the cost of administering the estates of lunatics of whom the Attorney-General is committee under this Act, the Attorney-General may retain out of all moneys of the estate of every lunatic which are now in his possession or which hereafter come into his possession as committee a sum equal to five per centum of the gross amount of such moneys. All sums retained by the Attorney-General under this subsection shall be paid into the Provincial Treasury, to be accounted for as part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund."

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