

Highlights as of March 30th, 2017

ALBERTA:

No Update The Legislative Assembly will resume on April 3rd, 2017.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

- Bill M 204 This Bill amends the Family Day Act to prescribe Family Day as the third Monday in February in each year, to align it with Family Day in all other Provinces across Canada.
- Bill M 206 This Bill introduces the concept of transportation network companies and enables the introduction of ridesharing in British Columbia. It further outlines a funding mechanism for municipalities to benefit from ridesharing.
- Bill M 217 This Bill amends the Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act to include paramedics and emergency dispatchers.
- Bill M 232 This Bill would prohibit tampering with emissions control devices in motor vehicles after their sale.
- Bill M 233 This Bill amends the Workers Compensation Act in order to provide support and care for British Columbia's first responders. The Bill creates a presumptive clause for first responders suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder. In recognition of the crucial role paramedics, firefighters, police officers, and others play in ensuring the health and safety of British Columbians, this Bill guarantees that they will receive timely support and treatment when they are suffering from exposure to traumatic events.
- Bill M 235 This Bill ensures that individuals who are victimized at home will not be penalized at work as well. This Bill amends the Employment Standards Act to provide leave for victims of domestic or sexual violence. It also makes provision for altering work hours or conditions to help keep employees safe. This legislation will allow victims to access emergency services, which might only operate during regular work hours.
- Bill M 237 This Bill amends the Workers Compensation Act to ensure that employers do not set varying footwear requirements for their employees based on gender, gender expression or gender identity. Consequently, this Bill would make employers unable to require select

employees to wear high heels and instead give them the option of wearing other types of appropriate footwear

NEW BRUNSWICK

Bill 43 This act repeals and substitutes the definition of "Final average earnings" regarding pensions. It also amends section 20, 21, regarding early retirement and guidelines for calculating the pension.

Bill 48 The purpose of this act is to amend s.147 which states vehicles will include bicycles. It also amends s.150 regarding passing on the right hand side of a vehicle. You may pass on the right if: The vehicle being overtaken signals they will be turning left, on a lane highway where there is an obstruction in one or more of the lanes, or on a sufficiently large one way road that supports two or more lines of moving vehicles.

Bill 51 The preamble in the Human Rights Act has been expanded to include marital status, family status, sexual orientation, sex, gender identity or expression. The definitions of mental and physical disability have been amended. There is a prohibited grounds of discrimination list which includes: race, colour, national origin, ancestry, place of origin, creed or religion, age, physical disability, mental disability, marital status, family status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, social condition, and political belief or activity.

Bill 60 This act amends s. 35(g)(i) of the Income Tax Act by lowering the deduction for taxable dividends from 3.5% to 3.245%. S.57(b) is also amended by increasing the corporate tax from 2% to 3% where a corporation was able to make a deduction under s.125(1) of the Federal Act.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Bill 68 Amends the Highway Traffic Act to reduce the permissible proportion of alcohol in the blood of a person who is under 22 years of age and not a novice driver while he or she is operating a motor vehicle or has care or control of a motor vehicle to 0 milligrams of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood; introduce the mandatory use of an ignition interlock device on the reinstatement of a driver's licence or driving privileges of a person who has been convicted of impaired driving offences under the Criminal Code; and add regulation making authority to enable the seizure and impoundment of a motor vehicle

where a person is impaired or fails or refuses to comply with a demand by a peace officer.

NOVA SCOTIA

NO UPDATE ADJOURNED UNTIL APRIL 25TH, 2017

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Bill 17-18(2) This Bill amends the Income Tax Act by facilitating the provision of additional support to low and modest income families; incorporating provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada) in respect of withholding of tax refunds; updating names of federal agencies; clarifying the definition of Consumer Price Index; applying federal penalty provisions in respect of false statements, omissions or gross negligence in returns; eliminating the Overseas Employment Tax Credit; and retaining the Education Tax Credit.

MANITOBA

Bill 14 This Bill makes a number of changes to The Emergency Medical Response and Stretcher Transportation Act. The key changes are as follows: provisions are added allowing for the implementation of a standardized fee structure for emergency medical response (EMR) services, including the ability to set the maximum amount that may be charged; the funding provisions in the Act are updated to reflect the current funding structure for providers of EMR services; and the responsibilities of the Medical Director of Provincial Emergency Medical Response Services are formally set out, including the requirement to establish medical quality assurance programs for EMR services. The Bill also contains consequential amendments to The Highway Traffic Act and The Testing of Bodily Fluids and Disclosure Act.

Bill 25 The federal government has announced that it will introduce legislation that would legalize the non-medical use of cannabis (marijuana). At this time, it is unclear exactly when legalization will occur. This Bill amends several Acts to address health or safety concerns that will arise when cannabis consumption is no longer illegal, and it closes any legislative gaps that might be created when cannabis is no longer considered to be an illegal drug.

The Drivers and Vehicles Act

This Act is amended to require the registrar of motor vehicles to make a determination whether to suspend the licence of a novice driver or a person with a class or subclass of driver's licence prescribed in the regulations if the person receives a 24-hour roadside suspension under the new addition to The Highway Traffic Act for being under the influence of a drug.

The Highway Traffic Act

This Act is amended to create restrictions on the transportation of cannabis in motorized vehicles; prohibit the consumption of cannabis in motorized vehicles on a highway; create a 24-hour roadside suspension when an officer believes on reasonable grounds that as a result of being under the influence of a drug, a person is unable to safely operate a motor vehicle, vessel, aircraft or railway equipment; and mirror the obligation on the registrar of motor vehicles added to The Drivers and Vehicles Act under similar provisions of The Highway Traffic Act.

- Bill 28 This Bill establishes a four-year sustainability period during which the compensation for public sector employees, and the fee payments to physicians and other health professionals, may not be increased except by the percentages permitted by the Bill.
- Bill 30 By exercising the powers set out in the Act, a municipality may make by-laws regulating the vehicle-for-hire industry, including taxis, limousines, and vehicles hired through an online application, a digital network or platform or a website.
- Bill 217 This Bill amends the preamble of The Labour Relations Act to reflect the government's recognition that section 2 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees a meaningful collective bargaining process and to set out components of that guarantee.

ONTARIO

- Bill 65 The Bill amends the Highway Traffic Act. It addresses the ability of municipalities to set speed limits within their borders and the use of automated speed enforcement systems and red light camera systems.
- Bill 94 The Bill amends the Highway Traffic Act to add a new Part respecting school bus camera systems. Subsections 175 (11) and (12) of the Highway Traffic Act set out certain requirements that apply when a vehicle encounters a school bus on a highway. The new Part provides that a photograph or video of a vehicle obtained from a school bus camera system may be received as evidence in a proceeding under the

Provincial Offences Act respecting an alleged offence under subsection 175 (11) or (12).

Bill 108 The Bill amends the Highway Traffic Act. If a carrying rack, such as a bicycle rack, is mounted on the rear of a motor vehicle in accordance with the regulations made under the Act, a person may drive the vehicle on a highway even if the rack obscures the number plate for the vehicle that is required to be attached to the rear of the vehicle.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

NO UPDATE
QUEBEC

NO UPDATE

NUNAVUT
NO UPDATE

SASKATCHEWAN

Bill 57 The tax payable by a financial institution has increased. S. 13(3)(2) outlines the formula.

YUKON

Bill 1 The purpose of this Act is to confirm the right of the Legislative Assembly to deliberate upon matters other than those it is summoned to deal with.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA

Bill S-2 This enactment amends the Motor Vehicle Safety Act for the purpose of strengthening the enforcement and compliance regime to further protect the safety of Canadians and to provide additional flexibility to support advanced safety technologies and other vehicle innovations. It provides the Minister of Transport with the authority to order companies to correct a defect or non-compliance and establishes a tiered penalty structure for offences committed under the Act. The enactment also makes a consequential amendment to the Transportation Appeal Tribunal of Canada Act.

Bill C-4 This enactment amends the Canada Labour Code, the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act and the Public Service Labour Relations Act to restore the procedures

for the certification and the revocation of certification of bargaining agents that existed before June 16, 2015. It also amends the Income Tax Act to remove from that Act the requirement that labour organizations and labour trusts provide annually to the Minister of National Revenue certain information returns containing specific information that would be made available to the public.

Bill C-27

This enactment amends the Pension Benefits Standards Act, 1985 to provide a framework for the establishment, administration and supervision of target benefit plans. It also amends the Act to permit pension plan administrators to purchase immediate or deferred life annuities for former members or survivors so as to satisfy an obligation to provide pension benefits if the obligation arises from a defined benefit provision.