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# Bill 117

## An Act to amend the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act

**The Hon. S. Jones**  
Solicitor General

### Government Bill

1st Reading      May 27, 2019

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* by adding section 21.1, which provides for the application of certain rules during an interim period ending on January 1, 2020 or on such other date as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

The rules permit the Solicitor General to appoint any person as the Chief Inspector during the interim period. They further provide that, during the interim period, the Chief Inspector may appoint any person as an inspector for the purposes of the Act. The Solicitor General is provided with regulation-making authority to prescribe classes of persons who may exercise the powers of inspectors during the interim period and more generally for the purpose of carrying out section 21.1.

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Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 The *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act* is amended by adding the following section:**

**Special provisions during the interim period****Appointment of Chief Inspector**

**21.1** (1) The Solicitor General may appoint any person as the Chief Inspector for the interim period.

**Appointment of inspectors**

(2) The Chief Inspector appointed under this section may appoint any person as an inspector for the interim period.

**Application of s. 6.1 (2)**

(3) Subsection 6.1 (2) applies with necessary modifications to the Chief Inspector appointed under this section with respect to the inspectors appointed under this section.

**Inspectors**

(4) During the interim period, this Act applies with respect to an inspector appointed under this section as though the inspector were an inspector of the Society.

**Prescribed classes**

(5) A member of a prescribed class of persons may exercise the same powers as an inspector of the Society during the interim period.

**Regulations**

(6) The Solicitor General may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out this section, including prescribing classes of persons for the purpose of subsection (5) and deeming references to the Society in sections 11.4 to 18.3 to be references to persons or entities specified in the regulations.

**Definition**

(7) In this section,

“interim period” means the period beginning on the day the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act (Interim Period), 2019* receives Royal Assent and ending on January 1, 2020 or such other date as may be prescribed.

**2 Subsection 22 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:**

(d) prescribing a date for the purposes of the definition of “interim period” in subsection 21.1 (7).

**Commencement**

**3 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**4 The short title of this Act is the *Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Amendment Act (Interim Period), 2019*.**