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Bill 109

**An Act to amend the Greenbelt Act, 2005 to impose limitations
on the exercise of powers conferred by the Act**

Mr. M. Schreiner

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading May 17, 2023

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the Greenbelt Act, 2005 to impose limitations
on the exercise of powers conferred by the Act**

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

1 The *Greenbelt Act, 2005* is amended by adding the following section:

General limitation

1.1 (1) Neither the Minister nor the Lieutenant Governor in Council may do anything under this Act, including making a regulation, that would have the effect of doing any of the following:

1. Removing any land from the Greenbelt Area.
2. Removing any land from the application of the Greenbelt Plan.
3. Removing the designation of any land as Protected Countryside.

Effect of contravention

(2) Anything done in contravention of subsection (1), including making or filing a regulation that contravenes that subsection or amending the Greenbelt Plan in a way that contravenes that subsection, is deemed never to have been done.

Same

(3) For greater certainty, Ontario Regulation 567/22 made under this Act, amending Ontario Regulation 59/05 (Designation of Greenbelt Area) made under this Act, is deemed never to have been made or filed.

2 The following provisions of the Act are repealed:

1. Subsection 2 (4).
2. Subsection 12 (2).
3. Subsection 13 (7).

Commencement

3 This Act is deemed to have come into force on December 13, 2022.

Short title

4 The short title of this Act is the *Hands Off the Greenbelt Act, 2023*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends the *Greenbelt Act, 2005* to restrict the Minister and the Lieutenant Governor in Council from removing land from the Greenbelt Area, removing land from the application of the Greenbelt Plan and removing a designation of land as Protected Countryside. These new restrictions apply retroactively as of December 13, 2022.