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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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Bill 46 has been enacted as Chapter 24 of the Statutes of Ontario, 2025.*

SCHEDULE 1 AT YOUR SERVICE ACT, 2022

The *At Your Service Act, 2022* is amended to replace the reference in subsection 5 (1) of the Act to the Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade with a reference to the Minister with responsibility for the administration of the Act.

SCHEDULE 2 CHILDREN'S LAW REFORM ACT

Part I of the *Children's Law Reform Act*, which sets out rules of parentage in law, is amended to add a new section 17.6.1 providing for the Ontario Court of Justice to order blood, DNA or other tests in a proceeding over which the Court has jurisdiction. The section provides that the Court's jurisdiction to make a determination of parentage in one of its proceedings is not limited by anything in the Part, nor is such a determination a declaration of parentage under the Part.

SCHEDULE 3 CHRISTOPHER'S LAW (SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY), 2000

The Schedule amends *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000* with respect to the disclosure of information obtained from the sex offender registry. The amendments include a provision permitting disclosure to a prescribed entity for crime prevention or law enforcement purposes. Before such disclosure occurs, the Ministry is required to enter into an agreement with the prescribed entity respecting the disclosure of the information.

SCHEDULE 4 CITY OF TORONTO ACT, 2006

The Schedule amends the *City of Toronto Act, 2006*.

Currently, section 232 requires the city treasurer to publish a copy of the City's audited financial statements and related documentation in a newspaper having general circulation in the City within 60 days after receiving those statements. The treasurer may also provide copies of that information in such other manner as the treasurer considers appropriate. The treasurer is also required to provide a copy of the information to any taxpayer or resident of the City upon request, at no cost, if the treasurer has instead published a notice in the newspaper that the information will be made available upon request.

Section 232 is re-enacted so that the city treasurer is no longer required to post the audited financial statements and related documentation, or a notice of such information, in a newspaper having general circulation in the City, but is instead required to post that information on a website of the City within 60 days after receiving those statements.

SCHEDULE 5 CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2002

Currently, section 47.1 of the *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* provides rules regarding the expiry of rewards points provided under a consumer agreement. The section is re-enacted to provide general rules governing consumer agreements under which rewards points are provided. The Lieutenant Governor in Council is also authorized to make regulations governing such consumer agreements, and the regulations may provide that the regulations and re-enacted section 47.1 apply to consumer agreements that were entered into before the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* received Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 6 CONSUMER REPORTING ACT

Subsection 12 (3) of the *Consumer Reporting Act*, as that subsection is re-enacted by the *Better for Consumers, Better for Businesses Act, 2023*, sets out information that a consumer reporting agency is required to disclose to a consumer who requests their consumer report or consumer report and consumer score. This includes information about persons who have accessed the consumer reporting agency's file pertaining to the consumer or who have received a consumer report from the agency pertaining to the consumer. That subsection is amended to eliminate the person's email address from the information required to be disclosed.

SCHEDULE 7 COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT

The Schedule amends subsection 21 (2) of the *Courts of Justice Act* in respect of matters that may be heard and determined by a single judge of the Divisional Court, as opposed to a panel of three. As well, subsection 68.1 (4) of the Act, a conflict provision respecting the concurrent court rule-making authorities of the Attorney General on the one hand and the Civil Rules Committee and the Family Rules Committee on the other, is repealed.

**SCHEDULE 8
CROWN FOREST SUSTAINABILITY ACT, 1994**

The Schedule amends Part III.1 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994*, which deals with the removal of forest resources that are in a Crown forest for the purpose of allowing an activity other than a forest operation to be carried out on the land that requires the forest resources to be removed. Such removal is not subject to a requirement to provide for the sustainability of the Crown forest, but must be done in accordance with a permit issued under the Part. The Part is amended to provide that circumstances may be set out in regulations made under the Act that would authorize such removal of forest resources without a permit, in accordance with the regulations (“authorizing regulations”). Section 69 is amended to give related regulation-making authority to the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Complementary amendments are also made in relation to various provisions in order to incorporate authorizing regulations and the actions they authorize into the Act, including,

- (a) section 41.2 (limitations on remedies);
- (b) section 57 (compliance order, etc.);
- (c) section 63 (lien for Crown charges);
- (d) section 64 (offences).

As well, the definition of “Minister” in section 1 is updated.

**SCHEDULE 9
ESCHEATS ACT, 2015**

The *Escheats Act, 2015* is amended to add a new section to provide, for greater certainty, that a particular agreement described in the section is valid and effective.

**SCHEDULE 10
FIXING LONG-TERM CARE ACT, 2021**

The Schedule re-enacts section 180 of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021*. The section currently requires the Director to publish specified reports, orders and other information. The re-enacted provision continues this requirement and specifies the minimum time period for which the publication must be made available to the public.

**SCHEDULE 11
FUNERAL, BURIAL AND CREMATION SERVICES ACT, 2002**

The Schedule amends the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*. Here are some highlights:

1. A new section 3.1.1 is added to prohibit an operator from providing a prescribed licensed supply or service in respect of human remains unless the operator has received authorization to do so from the person or entity who has such authority in respect of the human remains as determined in accordance with the regulations. An application may be made to the Superior Court of Justice for an order determining the person or entity who has the authority in respect of the human remains. An amendment is made to subsection 113 (1) to authorize regulations concerning the application of section 3.1.1.
2. Currently, subsection 88 (1) provides that a cemetery owner may apply to the registrar for an order to close a cemetery. An amendment is made to provide that an application must be made in accordance with the regulations. Corresponding authority to make regulations is added to subsection 113 (2). An amendment is also made to subsection 88 (3), which sets out exceptions to certain notice requirements.
3. Various amendments are made regarding the appointment of directors and registrars to address the sharing of responsibility for the administration of the Act between administrative authorities and the Minister.
4. Amendments are made regarding complaints, inspections and investigations.
5. A new Part providing for the imposition of administrative penalties is added to the Act.
6. Provisions providing for compliance orders as an enforcement mechanism are added to the Act.
7. Various amendments are made to the French version of the Act, including amendments to replace the term “crématoire” with “crématorium”.
8. Various other technical amendments are made.

**SCHEDULE 12
HEALING ARTS RADIATION PROTECTION ACT**

The Schedule amends the *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act*.

Section 4 of the Act is amended to require X-ray owner applicants to include their current email address and any information prescribed by the regulations in an application under that section. A related regulation-making power is set out.

Section 27 of the Act is amended to provide for service of certain documents to be delivered by electronic means or by other methods that may be prescribed under the regulations.

**SCHEDULE 13
IGAMING ONTARIO ACT, 2024**

The Schedule amends the *iGaming Ontario Act, 2024* so that certain powers of the Corporation under that Act are subject to limits imposed by section 11.0.1 of the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011*.

**SCHEDULE 14
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD OF ONTARIO ACT, 2019**

The Schedule amends the *Liquor Control Board of Ontario Act, 2019* so that certain powers of the LCBO under that Act are subject to limits imposed by section 11.0.1 of the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011*.

**SCHEDULE 15
LIQUOR LICENCE AND CONTROL ACT, 2019**

The Schedule amends various provisions of the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* to permit the possession and consumption of open liquor in designated public areas in operating provincial parks. Additionally, the French version of subsection 59 (2) of the Act is amended to address an inaccuracy in the translation of the phrase “information under oath”.

**SCHEDULE 16
MODERNIZING ONTARIO FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES ACT, 2020**

The Schedule amends the *Modernizing Ontario for People and Businesses Act, 2020* to authorize the Minister to collect, use, and disclose personal information for the purpose of facilitating public consultation with respect to burdens or proposed instruments governed by the Act.

**SCHEDULE 17
MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLES ACT**

The Schedule amends the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* to provide that additional classes of vehicles may be prescribed as “motorized snow vehicles”.

**SCHEDULE 18
MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001**

The Schedule amends the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Currently, section 295 requires the treasurer of the municipality to publish a copy of the municipality’s audited financial statements and related documentation in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality within 60 days after receiving those statements. The treasurer may also provide copies of that information in such other manner as the treasurer considers appropriate. The treasurer is also required to provide a copy of the information to any taxpayer or resident of the municipality upon request, at no cost, if the treasurer has instead published a notice in the newspaper that the information will be made available upon request.

Section 295 is re-enacted so that the treasurer is no longer required to post the audited financial statements and related documentation, or a notice of such information, in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality, but is instead required to post that information on a website of the municipality within 60 days after receiving those statements. If the municipality does not have a website, the treasurer must ensure the information is made available to the public, at no cost.

**SCHEDULE 19
ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS CORPORATION ACT, 2011**

The Schedule amends the *Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Act, 2011* to add district social services administration boards established under the *District Social Services Administration Boards Act* as eligible public organizations. The Schedule also makes a technical amendment to the French version of the Act.

**SCHEDULE 20
RESOURCE RECOVERY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACT, 2016**

The Schedule amends the *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016*. Here are some highlights:

Amendments authorize the Minister to, by order, require the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority to collect certain information from persons who are required to carry out responsibilities under Part IV, or persons performing activities that relate to resource recovery or waste reduction in Ontario, and provide the information to the Minister. Information provided to the Minister must be kept confidential, subject to certain exceptions.

Section 61 currently specifies various persons who may be required to carry out responsibilities under Part IV with respect to products in a designated class and their primary packaging, including a person who meets prescribed conditions in respect of a product or its primary packaging. The section is amended to provide that the prescribed conditions may include a condition that the person has entered into an agreement with a brand holder or a person who has a commercial connection to a product.

New section 69.1 is added to allow for regulations to require persons who have entered into an agreement with a brand holder or a person who has a commercial connection to a product to offer to provide specified services with respect to prescribed material, products or packaging to municipalities or other prescribed entities.

SCHEDULE 21 ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ACT

The Schedule amends section 4 of the *Royal Ontario Museum Act*. The Board previously consisted of no more than 21 trustees. It now consists of no fewer than 13 and no more than 21 trustees. Not fewer than seven and not more than 15 of the trustees are appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Previously, 15 were appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. When a vacancy on the Board is filled under subsection 4 (5), the body that elected or appointed the new trustee determines if the new trustee will hold office for the remainder of the old trustee's term or for a new term. Previously, the new trustee would always hold office for the remainder of the old trustee's term.

SCHEDULE 22 SUCCESSION LAW REFORM ACT

The Schedule amends section 51 of the *Succession Law Reform Act* to provide that, in the event that a participant has designated a person by instrument to receive a benefit payable under a plan on the participant's death, and that plan is being converted, renewed, replaced or transferred, the participant's attorney under a continuing power of attorney for property or the participant's guardian of property may make a designation by instrument signed by the attorney or guardian in order to permit the same person to be designated under the plan that results from the conversion, renewal, replacement or transfer.

A consequential amendment is made to section 53 of the Act.

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Preamble

The Government of Ontario is committed to protecting Ontario by cutting red tape to save people and businesses time and money and to support better services and a stronger economy.

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

Contents of this Act

1 This Act consists of this section, sections 2 and 3 and the Schedules to this Act.

Commencement

2 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

(2) The Schedules to this Act come into force as provided in each Schedule.

(3) If a Schedule to this Act provides that any of its provisions are to come into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, an order may apply to one or more of those provisions, and orders may be issued at different times with respect to any of those provisions.

Short title

3 The short title of this Act is the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025*.

SCHEDULE 1
AT YOUR SERVICE ACT, 2022

1 Subsection 5 (1) of the *At Your Service Act, 2022* is amended by striking out “Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade” and substituting “Minister with responsibility for the administration of this Act”.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 2
CHILDREN'S LAW REFORM ACT**

1 Section 17.6 of the *Children's Law Reform Act* is amended by striking out "an order" and substituting "a declaratory order".

2 Part I of the Act is amended by adding the following section:

Parentage determinations by Ontario Court of Justice

17.6.1 (1) Nothing in this Part shall be read as limiting any authority of the Ontario Court of Justice to make a determination of parentage if it is necessary to do so in order to make a decision in a proceeding over which the Court has jurisdiction but, for greater certainty, such a determination is not a declaration under this Part.

Blood, DNA tests

(2) The Ontario Court of Justice may, on the application of a party in a proceeding over which the Court has jurisdiction and in which the Court is required to make a determination of parentage, give the party leave to obtain a blood test, DNA test or any other test the Court considers appropriate of a person named in the order granting leave and to submit the results in evidence in the proceeding.

Same

(3) Subsections 17.2 (2) to (5) apply, with necessary modifications, with respect to an order made under subsection (2).

Confidentiality

(4) For greater certainty, section 17.3 includes an application made under subsection (2).

Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 3
CHRISTOPHER'S LAW (SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY), 2000

1 (1) Subsection 10 (1) of *Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000* is amended by striking out “(3) and (3.1)” and substituting “(3), (3.0.2) and (3.1)”.

(2) Subsection 10 (3) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Same

(3) A member of a police service and an employee of or person authorized by the ministry for the purposes of this section may disclose information contained in the sex offender registry to an entity mentioned in subsection (3.0.1) for crime prevention or law enforcement purposes and the entity may collect, retain and use the information for crime prevention or law enforcement purposes.

Same, entities

(3.0.1) The entities to which information may be disclosed under subsection (3) are the following:

1. Police services.
2. Entities that provide policing under the laws of other jurisdictions.

(3) Section 10 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Same, prescribed entities

(3.0.2) An employee of or person authorized by the ministry for the purposes of this section may disclose information contained in the sex offender registry to an entity prescribed for the purposes of this subsection for crime prevention or law enforcement purposes and the entity may collect, retain and use the information for crime prevention or law enforcement purposes.

Disclosure to prescribed entities, agreement required

(3.0.3) Before a person discloses information under subsection (3.0.2) to a prescribed entity, the Ministry shall, in accordance with the regulations, if any, enter into an agreement with the prescribed entity respecting the disclosure of the information.

(4) Subsection 10 (4) of the Act is amended by striking out “(3) or (3.1)” and substituting “(3), (3.0.2) or (3.1)”.

2 Section 14 of the Act is amended by adding the following clauses:

- (h.7) prescribing entities for the purpose of subsection 10 (3.0.2);
- (h.8) governing agreements entered into for the purposes of subsection 10 (3.0.3);

Commencement

3 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Schedule comes into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Subsection 1 (2) comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 4
CITY OF TORONTO ACT, 2006**

1 Section 232 of the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* is repealed and the following substituted:

Publication of financial statements

232 Within 60 days after receiving the audited financial statements of the City for the previous year, the city treasurer shall post a copy of the audited financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, the city auditor's report and the tax rate information for taxes imposed under any Part of this Act for the current and previous year as contained in the financial review on a website of the City.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on January 1, 2026.

SCHEDULE 5
CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 2002

1 Section 47.1 of the *Consumer Protection Act, 2002* is repealed and the following substituted:

Requirements

47.1 (1) Every consumer agreement under which rewards points are provided shall be made, renewed, amended or extended in accordance with the prescribed requirements.

Disclosure of information

(2) Before a consumer enters into a consumer agreement under which rewards points are provided, a supplier shall disclose such information as may be prescribed to the consumer and shall satisfy such requirements as may be prescribed with respect to the disclosure of the information.

Expiry of rewards points

(3) A consumer agreement under which rewards points are provided shall not provide for the expiry, cancellation or suspension of rewards points except in accordance with the regulations.

Consumer's recourse

(4) If a consumer is a party to a consumer agreement under which rewards points are provided and the rewards points expire or are cancelled or suspended in a manner that is not in accordance with this section or the regulations, the consumer may request that the supplier credit back to the consumer any rewards points that were expired, cancelled or suspended.

Request

(5) A request under subsection (4) shall be in writing, shall comply with the requirements, if any, that are prescribed under subsection 92 (2) and shall be given to the supplier, in the prescribed period, in accordance with section 92.

Obligations of rewards points supplier

(6) The supplier of rewards points,

- (a) shall, within the prescribed period, acknowledge the consumer's request; and
- (b) if the request meets the requirements of subsection (5), shall, within the prescribed period,
 - (i) credit back to the consumer any rewards points, or
 - (ii) after having conducted an investigation, send a written notice to the consumer explaining the reasons why the supplier is of the opinion that the consumer is not entitled to demand a credit back of rewards points under this Act.

Right of action

(7) A consumer may commence an action against a supplier of rewards points to recover the rewards points to which the consumer is entitled under this section.

No compensation

(8) No supplier or other person is entitled to compensation as a result of the enactment of section 1 of Schedule 5 to the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* or any regulation made under subsection (10).

No expropriation or injurious affection

(9) Nothing done or not done in accordance with this section or the regulations under it constitutes an expropriation or injurious affection for the purposes of the *Expropriations Act* or otherwise at law.

Regulations

(10) In addition to the power of the Lieutenant Governor in Council to make regulations under section 123, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations governing matters relating to consumer agreements under which rewards points are provided, including,

- (a) governing the disclosure of information;
- (b) governing the form and content of such agreements;
- (c) governing the making, renewing, amending or extending of such agreements;
- (d) governing the expiry, cancellation or suspension of rewards points, including,
 - (i) the obligations of suppliers and consumers in relation to the expiry, cancellation or suspension of rewards points,
 - (ii) the circumstances under which a supplier is prohibited from cancelling or suspending rewards points, and
 - (iii) the circumstances under which a supplier is prohibited from providing for the expiry of rewards points;

- (e) governing the credit back of rewards points;
- (f) prescribing periods of time for the purposes of subsection (5) and clauses (6) (a) and (b);
- (g) governing transitional matters that, in the opinion of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, are necessary or desirable to facilitate the implementation of section 47.1, as it reads on the day section 1 of Schedule 5 to the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* comes into force.

Same, application to existing consumer agreements

- (11) A regulation made under subsection (10) may, if it so provides,
 - (a) specify that the regulation applies to a consumer agreement or a related agreement that was entered into before the day the regulation is filed, including a consumer agreement or a related agreement that was entered into before the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* received Royal Assent;
 - (b) specify that section 47.1, as it reads on the day section 1 of Schedule 5 to the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* comes into force, applies to a consumer agreement or a related agreement that was entered into before the day the regulation is filed, including a consumer agreement or a related agreement that was entered into before the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* received Royal Assent.

Same, modification, extinguishment of rights

- (12) For clarity, a regulation that provides that it or section 47.1, as it reads on the day section 1 of Schedule 5 to the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* comes into force, applies to a consumer agreement or related agreement that was entered into before the day the regulation is filed, including a consumer agreement or related agreement that was entered into before the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* received Royal Assent, may, if the regulation so provides, have the effect of modifying or extinguishing any right, obligation or interest acquired or accrued under the agreement or related agreement.

2 Subclause 116 (1) (b) (iii) of the Act is amended by striking out “47.1 (1), (5) and (6)” at the end and substituting “47.1 (1), (3) and (6)”.

Protecting Rewards Points Act (Consumer Protection Amendment), 2016

3 Subsection 2 (2) of the *Protecting Rewards Points Act (Consumer Protection Amendment), 2016* is repealed.

Putting Consumers First Act (Consumer Protection Statute Law Amendment), 2017

4 Subsection 19 (2) of Schedule 2 to the *Putting Consumers First Act (Consumer Protection Statute Law Amendment), 2017* is repealed.

Commencement

5 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Schedule comes into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

(2) Sections 3 and 4 come into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 6
CONSUMER REPORTING ACT

1 (1) Paragraph 3 of subsection 12 (3) of the *Consumer Reporting Act*, as re-enacted by subsection 3 (1) of Schedule 2 to the *Better for Consumers, Better for Businesses Act, 2023*, is amended by striking out “name, telephone number and email address” and substituting “name and telephone number”.

(2) Subparagraph 4 i of subsection 12 (3) of the Act, as re-enacted by subsection 3 (1) of Schedule 2 to the *Better for Consumers, Better for Businesses Act, 2023*, is amended by striking out “names, telephone numbers and email addresses” and substituting “names and telephone numbers”.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on the later of the day section 5 of the *Access to Consumer Credit Reports and Elevator Availability Act, 2018* comes into force and the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 7
COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT

1 Clause 21 (2) (c) of the *Courts of Justice Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

- (c) is in a matter or class of matters that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Justice or a judge designated by the Chief Justice is satisfied, from the nature of the issues involved or the necessity for expedition, can and ought to be heard and determined by one judge.

2 Subsection 68.1 (4) of the Act is repealed.

Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 8
CROWN FOREST SUSTAINABILITY ACT, 1994**

1 The definition of “Minister” in section 3 of the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994* is amended by striking out “Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry” and substituting “Minister of Natural Resources”.

2 (1) Clauses 41.2 (1) (c) and (c.1) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

- (c) the granting of a forest resource licence, or the issuance of a permit or an authorization, in respect of land that is already subject to a forest resource licence;
- (c.1) the termination or suspension of a forest resource licence or of licensee rights under section 41.6 or regulations made for the purposes of that section;

(2) Subsection 41.2 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:

- (d.1) the making of authorizing regulations for the purposes of Part III.1;

(3) Subsection 41.2 (5) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

No costs awarded

(5) No costs shall be awarded against any person in respect of a proceeding that cannot be brought or maintained under subsection (3).

3 The heading to Part III.1 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

**PART III.1
REMOVAL OF FOREST RESOURCES**

4 Part III.1 of the Act is amended by adding the following section:

Definition

41.2.1 In this Part,

“authorizing regulation” means a regulation made for the purposes of clause 41.3 (1) (b).

5 Sections 41.3 and 41.4 of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

Removal of forest resources

41.3 (1) A person may remove forest resources that are in a Crown forest for the purpose of allowing an activity other than a forest operation to be carried out on the land that requires the forest resources to be removed,

- (a) in accordance with a permit; or
- (b) in the circumstances prescribed by, and in accordance with, the regulations, subject to subsection 41.6.1 (3).

Exempt from sustainability requirement

(2) No decision or action of the Minister under this Part, and no action taken under a permit or in accordance with an authorizing regulation, is,

- (a) a forest operation within the meaning of this Act; or
- (b) subject to a requirement to provide for the sustainability of a Crown forest.

Forest Management Planning Manual, etc., not applicable

(3) Neither the issuance of a permit, nor any action taken under a permit or in accordance with an authorizing regulation, is subject to the requirements of,

- (a) the Forest Management Planning Manual;
- (b) a forest management plan approved under section 9;
- (c) a forest operations prescription prepared and certified under section 16;
- (d) a work schedule prepared or revised under section 17; or
- (e) subsection 42 (1).

Permits

41.4 (1) The Minister may, subject to subsections 41.6 (2) and 41.6.1 (2), issue a permit to a person to remove forest resources that are in a Crown forest for the purpose of allowing an activity other than a forest operation to be carried out on the land that requires the forest resources to be removed.

Considerations

- (2) In determining whether to issue a permit, the Minister shall,
- (a) have regard for the plant life, animal life, water, soil, air and social and economic values, including recreational values and heritage values, of the Crown forest; and
 - (b) consider whether the permit could adversely impact established or asserted aboriginal and treaty rights and whether any consultation with Indigenous communities is required.

6 Subsection 41.5 (4) of the Act is repealed.

7 (1) Subsection 41.6 (3) of the Act is amended by adding “Except as otherwise provided by the regulations” at the beginning.

(2) Section 41.6 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Same

- (4) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3) may provide that the issuance of a permit,
- (a) does not terminate the licence or rights; or
 - (b) suspends, rather than terminates, the licence and rights to the extent referred to in that subsection, for the period determined under the regulations.

Authorizing regulation

- (5) If it so provides, an authorizing regulation applies with respect to land that is subject to a forest resource licence.

Effect of removal under authorizing regulation

- (6) An authorizing regulation that applies with respect to land that is subject to a forest resource licence may provide for,
- (a) the termination of the licence in respect of the land to which the regulation applies and of all rights of the licensee in respect of forest resources on the land; or
 - (b) the suspension of the licence in respect of the land to which the regulation applies and of all rights of the licensee in respect of forest resources on the land, for the period determined under the regulation.

8 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Outstanding approval, etc.

41.6.1 (1) This section applies if the person who wishes to remove forest resources for the purpose of allowing an activity to be carried out is required under any of the following Acts to obtain an approval or satisfy conditions or other requirements in order to proceed with the activity:

1. The *Aggregate Resources Act*.
2. The *Environmental Assessment Act*.
3. The *Impact Assessment Act* (Canada).
4. The *Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act*.
5. The *Mining Act*.
6. The *Public Lands Act*.
7. An Act of Ontario or of Canada prescribed by the regulations.

Same, permit issuance

- (2) A permit shall not be issued to the person unless the person has met the requirements referred to in subsection (1) of at least one of the Acts referred to in that subsection.

Same, authorizing regulation

- (3) An authorizing regulation does not apply with respect to the person unless the person has met the requirements referred to in subsection (1) of at least one of the Acts referred to in that subsection.

9 Section 41.7 of the Act is amended by adding “or in accordance with an authorizing regulation” after “under a permit”.

10 Section 41.8 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Prices and charges for removal

41.8 (1) The Minister may determine, from time to time, the prices, forestry futures charges and forest renewal charges payable by a permittee or person to whom an authorizing regulation applies for the removal of forest resources.

Same

(2) The prices and charges determined under subsection (1) shall be paid in the amounts, in the manner and within the times required by the Minister.

Effective date

(3) A determination under subsection (1) may be made to apply retroactively to April 1 or any later date in the year in which the determination is made.

Payment of Crown charges for removal

41.8.1 (1) Crown charges in respect of the removal of forest resources shall be paid by the permittee or person to whom an authorizing regulation applies whether the resources are removed by the permittee or person or by someone else with or without the permittee or person's consent.

Property in resources, permit

(2) On payment by a permittee of all Crown charges referred to in subsection (1), property in forest resources that have been removed in the land to which the permit relates during the term of the permit vests in the permittee, whether the resources were removed by the permittee or by someone else with or without the permittee's consent.

Property in resources, authorizing regulation

(3) On payment by a person to whom an authorizing regulation applies of all Crown charges referred to in subsection (1), property in forest resources that have been removed in the land to which the regulation relates while the removal was subject to the regulation vests in the person, whether the resources were removed by the person or by someone else with or without the person's consent.

Seizure of resources

(4) A permittee or person to whom an authorizing regulation applies who has paid all Crown charges referred to in subsection (1) is entitled to seize all forest resources that have been removed during the term of the permit or while the removal was subject to the authorizing regulation and that are in the possession of someone not entitled to them.

Right of action

(5) A permittee or person to whom an authorizing regulation applies who has paid all Crown charges referred to in subsection (1) is entitled to bring an action against anyone who, during the term of the permit or while the removal was subject to the authorizing regulation, removed, damaged or otherwise took possession of forest resources without the permission of the permittee or person.

11 (1) Subsection 41.13 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out "A permittee who removes forest resources under the authority of a permit" at the beginning and substituting "A person who removes forest resources under a permit or in accordance with an authorizing regulation".

(2) Subsection 41.13 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out "A permittee" at the beginning and substituting "The person".

(3) Subsection 41.13 (3) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Exceptions

(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2),

- (a) the Minister may direct a permittee that forest resources be measured, counted or weighed at such place and in such manner as the Minister may direct; and
- (b) an authorizing regulation may provide that forest resources removed in accordance with the regulation be measured, counted or weighed at such place and in such manner as the regulation specifies.

12 Section 57 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Compliance order, etc.

57 (1) If, in the opinion of the Minister, a person has failed to comply with a forest resource licence or a permit or authorizing regulation under Part III.1, the Minister may,

- (a) order the person to take such action as the Minister directs to carry out the obligations imposed by the licence, permit or regulation;
- (b) take such action as the Minister considers necessary to carry out the obligations imposed by the licence, permit or regulation; or
- (c) in the case of a permit or authorizing regulation, order the person to stop removal activities authorized by the permit or regulation.

Costs

(2) The person who failed to comply with the licence, permit or authorizing regulation is liable to the Minister for all costs associated with action taken by the Minister under clause (1) (b).

13 Subsection 63 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “a forest resource licence or a permit” and substituting “a forest resource licence, a permit or an authorizing regulation under Part III.1”.

14 Clause 64 (1) (b) of the Act is amended by striking out “a permit or an authorization” and substituting “a permit, an authorizing regulation under Part III.1 or an authorization”.

15 (1) Paragraphs 16 and 16.1 of subsection 69 (1) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

16. governing the removal of forest resources in Crown forests for the purposes of Part III.1, including,
 - i. defining or clarifying the meaning of “remove” or “transport” for the purposes of the Part,
 - ii. governing permits, including prescribing the records to be kept by permittees and former permittees and governing terms and conditions that are applicable to permits,
 - iii. for the purposes of clause 41.3 (1) (b),
 - A. setting out the circumstances in which a person may remove forest resources that are in a Crown forest for the purpose of allowing an activity other than a forest operation to be carried out on the land that requires the forest resources to be removed,
 - B. specifying conditions or restrictions on the removal of forest resources in the prescribed circumstances, including,
 1. requiring the person to keep records, and governing the requirements,
 2. requiring the person to provide notice, information, reports, records or other documents to the Ministry, and governing the requirements,
 3. requiring the payment of fees, and governing their determination and payment,
 - C. respecting any other matter referred to in the Part as being done or provided for by an authorizing regulation,
 - iv. for the purposes of subsections 41.6 (3) and (4), providing for the determination of whether a licence or the rights referred to in subsection 41.6 (3) should not be terminated or whether they should instead be suspended to the extent referred to in that subsection, and governing any suspension,
 - v. for the purposes of subsection 41.6 (6), providing for the determination of whether a licence or the rights referred to in that subsection should be terminated or suspended, and governing any termination or suspension;

(2) Subsection 69 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

33. providing for transitional matters arising from amendments made to this Act or from the making of regulations under this Act.

(3) Section 69 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

Subdelegation

(3.1) A regulation under subparagraph 16 iv or v of subsection (1) may authorize the Minister to determine any matter that may be determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under that subparagraph.

Commencement

16 This Schedule comes into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**SCHEDULE 9
ESCHEATS ACT, 2015**

1 The *Escheats Act, 2015* is amended by adding the following section:

Validity of particular agreement

8.1 (1) For greater certainty, despite anything in this Act or the *Forfeited Corporate Property Act, 2015*, the agreement between the Public Guardian and Trustee and IAMGOLD Corporation, dated June 24, 2021, is valid and effective.

No compensation

(2) No person is entitled to any compensation or any other remedy or relief as a result of the enactment of subsection (1).

Commencement

2 This Schedule is deemed to have come into force on June 24, 2021.

SCHEDULE 10
FIXING LONG-TERM CARE ACT, 2021

1 Section 180 of the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021* is repealed and the following substituted:

Reports, etc. to be public

180 (1) The Director shall ensure that every item mentioned in Column 1 of the Table to this subsection is published as soon as is reasonably possible, having regard to the circumstances, after the event set out opposite the item in Column 2 of the Table.

Item	Column 1 Item to be published	Column 2 Event
1.	Direction under subsection 56 (1)	Making of the direction
2.	Inspection report under section 152	Completion of the inspection report
3.	Order under this Part	Making of the order
4.	Written notification under subsection 154 (1)	Issuing of the notification
5.	Written plan for achieving compliance that the Director has ordered in accordance with clause 155 (1) (b) following a referral under paragraph 4 of subsection 154 (1)	Receipt of the plan by the Director

Form, format

(2) An item mentioned in Column 1 of the Table to subsection (1) may be published in any format or manner that the Director considers appropriate.

Duration of publication, reports etc.

(3) An item required to be published under subsection (1) shall remain available to the public for a period of at least three years following the day on which the item is first published.

Existing reports, etc.

(4) The Director may cease publication of any item mentioned in Column 1 of the Table to subsection (1), whether it was published before or after the day section 1 of Schedule 10 to the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* comes into force, if the item has remained available to the public for a period of at least three years.

Direction or order while in effect

(5) Despite subsections (3) and (4), a direction under subsection 56 (1), an order under subsection 157 (1) or an order under subsection 159 (1) to suspend a licence shall remain available to the public for a period of at least three years following the day on which the direction or order, as the case may be, ceases to be in effect.

Information about administrative penalties, etc.

(6) The Director may publish, in any format or manner the Director considers appropriate, information that is not otherwise published under subsection (1) respecting any of the following:

1. An administrative penalty issued under this Act.
2. A conviction under this Act.
3. A penalty imposed on conviction under this Act.

Duration of publication, penalties etc.

(7) If the Director publishes information respecting a penalty or conviction mentioned in subsection (6), the Director shall publish the information as soon as reasonably possible, having regard to the circumstances, after the administrative penalty is issued, the conviction occurs or the penalty on conviction is imposed, as the case may be, and continue to make it available to the public for a period of at least three years following the day on which the information is first published.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 11
FUNERAL, BURIAL AND CREMATION SERVICES ACT, 2002**

1 (1) Subsection 1 (1) of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002* is amended by adding the following definitions:

“administrative authority” means an administrative authority as designated under section 3 of the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996* for the purpose of administering a designated provision; (“organisme d’application”)

“designated provision” means, subject to subsection (5), a provision of this Act or the regulations that is designated legislation within the meaning of the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996*; (“disposition désignée”)

(2) The French version of the definitions of “crematorium” and “crematorium services” in subsection 1 (1) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

«crématorium» Bâtiment doté d’appareils pour la crémation de restes humains qui a été approuvé ou créé en tant que tel conformément aux exigences de la présente loi ou d’une loi qu’elle remplace. S’entend en outre de tout ce qui y est nécessairement accessoire ou connexe à cette fin. («crematorium»)

«services de crématorium» Les services fournis en ce qui concerne la crémation de corps d’êtres humains décédés et, en outre, les services prescrits. («crematorium services»)

(3) The definition of “income” in subsection 1 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “or 56” at the end.

(4) The definition of “Minister” in subsection 1 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “Minister of Government Services” and substituting “Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement”.

(5) Subsection 1 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following definition:

“non-designated provision” means, subject to subsection (5), a provision of this Act or the regulations that is not a designated provision; (“disposition non désignée”)

(6) The definition of “registrar” in subsection 1 (1) of the Act is repealed.

(7) Section 1 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

Requirement under this Act

(3) A reference in this Act or the regulations to the contravention of, compliance with or failure to comply with a requirement under this Act is a reference to the contravention of, compliance with or failure to comply with, as the case may be, any of the following:

1. A provision of this Act or the regulations.
2. Any decision permitted or required in this Act or the regulations, including a direction, order, declaration or imposition of a condition.
3. The terms of a site disposition agreement or any other prescribed type of agreement entered into under this Act.

(8) Section 1 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Director, registrar

(4) In this Act, subject to subsection (5) and unless the context suggests otherwise,

- (a) a reference to the director in a designated provision is a reference to the director appointed under section 2 for the purpose of administering the provision;
- (b) a reference to the director in a non-designated provision is a reference to the director appointed under section 2.1 for the purpose of administering the provision;
- (c) a reference to the registrar in a designated provision is a reference to the registrar appointed under section 3 for the purpose of administering the provision; and
- (d) a reference to the registrar in a non-designated provision is a reference to the registrar appointed under section 3.1 for the purpose of administering the provision.

When part of administration specified

(5) If the Lieutenant Governor in Council designates an administrative authority under the *Safety and Consumer Statutes Administration Act, 1996* for the purpose of administering a designated provision but specifies in the designation that the designation is only in respect of a part of the provision’s administration,

- (a) any reference to the designated provision in respect of which the administrative authority has been designated shall be read as a reference to that provision as limited by that specification;

- (b) the remaining parts of the administration of the provision that are not designated as administered by an administrative authority shall be deemed to be administration of a non-designated provision;
- (c) any reference to the provision as it relates to the administration of the parts mentioned in clause (b) shall be deemed to be a reference to a non-designated provision; and
- (d) any reference to a director or registrar in the provision shall be read as,
 - (i) if in the context of the administration of the designated provision, a reference to the applicable director appointed under section 2 or registrar appointed under section 3, as the case may be, and
 - (ii) if in the context of the administration of the non-designated provision, a reference to the applicable director appointed under section 2.1 or registrar appointed under section 3.1, as the case may be.

2 (1) The French version of the Act is amended by striking out “crématoire” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “crématorium”.

(2) The French version of the Act is amended by striking out “crématoires” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “crématoriums”.

3 (1) Subsection 2 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Directors, appointed by administrative authority

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the board of an administrative authority shall appoint one or more directors for the purposes of administering designated provisions of the administrative authority and may appoint one or more deputy directors.

(2) Subsection 2 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out “3 (1)” and substituting “3 (1) or 3.1 (1)”.

(3) Section 2 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Policies

(5) The director may establish written policies regarding the interpretation and administration of the powers and duties imposed on the director under this Act.

Same, publication

(6) If the director makes available to the public one or more written policies made under subsection (5), the director shall comply with prescribed requirements respecting publication, if any.

4 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Directors, appointed by Minister

2.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the Minister shall appoint one or more directors for the purposes of administering non-designated provisions and may appoint one or more deputy directors.

Director cannot be registrar

(2) A person appointed as a registrar or a deputy registrar under subsection 3 (1) or 3.1 (1) shall not be appointed as a director or a deputy director under subsection (1) of this section.

Application of s. 2 (3) to (6)

(3) Subsections 2 (3) to (6) apply in respect of directors and deputy directors appointed under this section.

5 (1) Subsection 3 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Registrars, appointed by administrative authority

(1) Subject to subsection (2), the board of an administrative authority shall appoint one or more registrars for the purposes of administering designated provisions of the administrative authority and may appoint one or more deputy registrars.

(2) Subsection 3 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out “2 (1)” and substituting “2 (1) or 2.1 (1)”.

(3) Subsection 3 (5) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Policies

(5) The registrar may establish written policies regarding the interpretation and administration of the powers and duties imposed on the registrar under this Act.

Same, publication

(6) If the registrar makes available to the public one or more written policies made under subsection (5), the registrar shall comply with prescribed requirements respecting publication, if any.

6 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Registrars, appointed by deputy minister

3.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), the deputy minister to the Minister shall appoint one or more registrars for the purposes of administering non-designated provisions and may appoint one or more deputy registrars.

Registrar cannot be director

(2) A person appointed as a director or a deputy director under subsection 2 (1) or 2.1 (1) shall not be appointed as a registrar or a deputy registrar under subsection (1) of this section.

Application of s. 3 (3) to (6)

(3) Subsections 3 (3) to (6) apply in respect of registrars and deputy registrars appointed under this section.

7 Part III of the Act is amended by adding the following section:

Requirement for authorization before the provision of licensed supplies or services

3.1.1 (1) No operator shall provide a prescribed licensed supply or service in respect of human remains unless the operator has received authorization to do so from the person or entity who has such authority in respect of the human remains as determined in accordance with the regulations.

Same

(2) For clarity, subsection (1) operates to prohibit an operator from providing a prescribed licensed supply or service without an authorization under that section even if an interment rights holder has directed or consented to the interment of the human remains or a scattering rights holder has directed or consented to the scattering of the cremated human remains.

Application to court

(3) A person or entity may apply to the Superior Court of Justice for an order determining whether the person or entity, or any other party to the proceedings, has the authority in respect of human remains for the purposes of subsection (1) and, upon the application, the court may make such order as the court thinks fit after taking into account such factors as may be prescribed.

Same

(4) For greater certainty, the Superior Court of Justice may make an order determining that a person or entity other than the person or entity determined in accordance with the regulations referred to in subsection (1) has the authority in respect of human remains for the purposes of that subsection.

Same, order

(5) If the Superior Court of Justice makes an order under subsection (3) determining that a person or entity has the authority in respect of human remains, that person or entity is deemed to be the person or entity who has such authority for the purposes of subsection (1) until such time as the person or entity is no longer deemed to have such authority as may be determined in accordance with the regulations.

Protection from liability

(6) No cause of action arises against an operator as a result of the operator acting on the basis of an authorization received under subsection (1) unless the operator knew, or ought to have known, that,

- (a) the facts stated in the authorization were not true; or
- (b) the person or entity giving the authorization to the operator did not have the authority to do so.

Proceedings barred

(7) No proceeding that is based on a cause of action referred to in subsection (6) may be brought against an operator.

8 Section 13 of the Act is repealed.

9 Subsection 52 (3) of the Act is amended by striking out “or 56” at the end.

10 Paragraph 5 of subsection 64 (2) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

- 5. Fix and impose costs to be paid by the licensee to the Minister of Finance or to such other person as may be prescribed by the Minister under clause 112 (1) (b.2).

11 Section 65 of the Act is repealed.

12 Sections 66 to 69 of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

Complaints

66 (1) The registrar may,

- (a) receive complaints concerning conduct that may be in contravention of a requirement under this Act;

- (b) make inquiries, gather information or make written requests for information from any person regarding a complaint described in clause (a); and
- (c) attempt to mediate or resolve a complaint described in clause (a).

Request for information

- (2) An inquiry or written request made under clause (1) (b) shall indicate the nature of the complaint.

Duty to comply

- (3) A person who receives an inquiry or written request under clause (1) (b) shall provide the requested information to the registrar.

Registrar's powers

- (4) If the registrar is of the opinion, whether as a result of a complaint or otherwise, that a person has contravened a requirement under this Act, the registrar may do any of the following, as the registrar considers appropriate:

1. Give the person a written warning, stating that if the person continues to engage in the activity that resulted in the alleged contravention, action may be taken against the person.
2. If the person is a licensee, require by written direction that the licensee attend a specified educational program or ensure that a person prescribed for the purposes of clause 14 (1) (g) attends a specified educational program.
3. If the person is a licensee, refer the matter, in whole or in part, to a discipline committee.
4. If the person is a licensee or an applicant for a licence, take an action under section 17, subject to section 18.
5. Take further action in accordance with this Act.

Inspection

- 67** (1) The registrar or a person designated in writing by the registrar may conduct an inspection in accordance with this section for the purposes of,

- (a) ensuring compliance with a requirement under this Act;
- (b) dealing with a complaint under section 66; or
- (c) if applicable, ensuring that a licensee remains entitled to be licensed or that an applicant for a licence is entitled to be licensed under this Act.

Power to enter premises

- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1), an inspector may, without a warrant or court order, enter and inspect at any reasonable time the business premises of a licensee or an applicant for a licence under this Act, or any premises in relation to which any of sections 94 to 100 apply.

Dwellings

- (3) Subsection (2) does not authorize entry of a dwelling without the consent of the occupier.

Expert help

- (4) An inspector conducting an inspection may be accompanied by one or more persons with special, expert or professional knowledge, and any other persons as necessary, as the inspector considers advisable.

Powers of inspector

- (5) While carrying out an inspection, an inspector,
- (a) may review, examine or test anything relevant to the inspection and may require a person described in subsection (4) to conduct the review, examination or test in the time, manner and form specified by the inspector;
 - (b) is entitled to free access to all money, valuables, documents, records, equipment, supplies, substances, artifacts, materials and any other things or information relevant to the inspection;
 - (c) may take photographs, video recordings or other recordings that are relevant to the inspection;
 - (d) may use any data storage, processing or retrieval device or system used in carrying on business to produce information that is relevant to the inspection and that is in any form;
 - (e) may, upon giving a receipt for them, remove for review, examination, testing or copying anything relevant to the inspection;
 - (f) may require a person to produce information or anything else relevant to the inspection;

- (g) may prohibit persons from entering premises or using anything else for a reasonable period of time for the purposes of carrying out a review, examination or test relevant to the inspection; and
- (h) may make reasonable inquiries of any person, orally or in writing, with respect to anything relevant to the inspection.

Limitation re photographs and recordings

(6) A photograph or recording made under clause (5) (c) must be made in a manner that does not intercept any private communication and that accords with reasonable expectations of privacy.

Written demand

(7) A demand that anything be produced for inspection must be in writing and must state the nature of the thing required and when it is to be produced.

Obligation to produce and assist

(8) If an inspector demands that something be produced for inspection, the person having custody of the thing shall produce it for the inspector within the time provided for in the demand, and shall, upon the inspector's demand,

- (a) provide whatever assistance is reasonably necessary to produce information or any other thing in a readable form, including using any data storage, processing or retrieval device or system; and
- (b) provide whatever assistance is reasonably necessary to interpret a record or other thing for the inspector.

Return of things

(9) Anything that has been removed for review, testing, examination or copying,

- (a) shall be made available to the person from whom it was removed on request and at a time and place that are convenient for the person and for the inspector; and
- (b) shall be returned to the person within a reasonable time.

Identification

(10) An inspector shall produce, on request, evidence of their authority to carry out an inspection.

No obstruction

(11) No person shall obstruct an inspector conducting an inspection or a person accompanying the inspector under subsection (4) or withhold from the inspector or other person or conceal, alter or destroy any thing or information relevant to the inspection.

Use of force prohibited

(12) An inspector shall not use force to enter and inspect premises under this section.

Admissibility of copies

(13) A copy of anything that purports to be certified by an inspector to be a true copy of the original is admissible in evidence to the same extent as the original and has the same evidentiary value.

Appointment of investigators

68 (1) The director may appoint persons to be investigators for the purposes of conducting investigations.

Certificate of appointment

(2) The director who appoints an investigator under subsection (1) shall issue to the investigator a certificate of appointment bearing the director's signature or a facsimile of the signature.

Production of certificate of appointment

(3) Every investigator who is conducting an investigation, including under section 70, shall, upon request, produce the certificate of appointment as an investigator.

13 (1) Subsection 70 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Search warrant

(1) Upon application made without notice by an investigator, a justice of the peace may issue a warrant, if the justice of the peace is satisfied on information under oath that there are reasonable grounds for believing both of the following:

1. A person,
 - i. has contravened or is contravening a requirement under this Act, or
 - ii. has committed or is committing an offence under the law of any jurisdiction that is relevant to the person's fitness to be licensed under this Act.
2. There is,

- i. in any building, dwelling, receptacle or place anything relating to the contravention of a requirement under this Act or to the person's fitness to be licensed under this Act, or
- ii. information or evidence relating to the contravention of a requirement under this Act or the person's fitness to be licensed under this Act that may be obtained through the use of an investigative technique or procedure or the doing of anything described in the warrant.

(2) Subsection 70 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out the portion before clause (a) and substituting the following:

(2) Subject to any conditions set out in a warrant obtained under subsection (1), the warrant authorizes an investigator,

14 Section 70.1 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Seizure of things not specified

70.1 An investigator who is lawfully present in a place pursuant to a warrant or otherwise in the execution of the investigator's duties may, without a warrant, seize anything in plain view that the investigator believes on reasonable grounds will afford evidence relating to a contravention of any requirement under this Act or to a person's fitness to be licensed under this Act.

15 The Act is amended by adding the following Part:

**PART IX.1
ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES**

Definitions

71.2 In this Part,

"administrative penalty" means an administrative penalty imposed under section 71.4 or, if an order under that section is confirmed or varied under section 71.5, the administrative penalty as confirmed or varied under section 71.5; ("pénalité administrative")

"assessor" means an assessor appointed under subsection 71.3 (2) who is authorized to impose an administrative penalty or the registrar acting as an assessor. ("évaluateur")

Registrar is assessor

71.3 (1) The registrar is, by virtue of the registrar's office, an assessor.

Appointment of assessors

(2) The registrar mentioned in subsection (1) shall appoint in writing persons to be assessors who are authorized to make an order under section 71.4 imposing an administrative penalty.

Order for administrative penalty

71.4 (1) An assessor may, by order, impose an administrative penalty against a person in accordance with this section and the regulations if the assessor is satisfied that the person has contravened or is contravening,

- (a) a prescribed provision of this Act or the regulations; or
- (b) a condition of a licence, if the person is a licensee.

To whom payable, prescribed provisions

(2) An administrative penalty is payable to,

- (a) the Minister of Finance, if it is imposed in respect of a contravention of a non-designated provision; or
- (b) an administrative authority, if it is imposed in respect of a contravention of a designated provision of the administrative authority.

Same, licence conditions

(3) For the purposes of this section,

- (a) if section 16 is a non-designated provision, an administrative penalty in respect of a contravention of a condition of a licence is payable to the Minister of Finance; and
- (b) if section 16 is a designated provision in respect of an administrative authority, an administrative penalty in respect of a contravention of a condition of a licence is payable to the administrative authority.

Debt

(4) An administrative penalty payable to the Minister of Finance or an administrative authority is a debt due to the respective payee.

Purpose

(5) An administrative penalty may be imposed under this section for one or more of the following purposes:

1. To promote compliance with this Act and the regulations.
2. To prevent a person from deriving, directly or indirectly, any economic benefit as a result of contravening this Act or the regulations.

Amount

(6) The amount of an administrative penalty shall reflect the purpose of the penalty and shall be determined in accordance with the regulations, but the amount of the penalty shall not exceed \$25,000.

Form of order

(7) An order made under subsection (1) imposing an administrative penalty shall be in the form that the registrar determines.

Service of order

(8) The order shall be served on the person against whom the administrative penalty is imposed in the manner that the registrar determines.

Absolute liability

(9) An order made under subsection (1) imposing an administrative penalty against a person applies even if,

- (a) the person took all reasonable steps to prevent the contravention on which the order is based; or
- (b) at the time of the contravention, the person had an honest and reasonable belief in a mistaken set of facts that, if true, would have rendered the contravention innocent.

No effect on offences

(10) For greater certainty, nothing in subsection (9) affects the prosecution of an offence.

Other measures

(11) Subject to section 71.6, an administrative penalty may be imposed alone or in conjunction with the exercise of any measure against a person provided by this Act or the regulations, including but not limited to the application of conditions to a licence, the suspension, immediate suspension or revocation of a licence or the refusal to renew a licence.

Limitation

(12) An assessor shall not make an order under subsection (1) more than two years after the day the assessor became aware of the contravention on which the order is based.

No hearing required

(13) Subject to the regulations, an assessor is not required to hold a hearing or to afford a person an opportunity for a hearing before making an order under subsection (1) against the person.

Non-application of other Act

(14) The *Statutory Powers Procedure Act* does not apply to an order of an assessor made under subsection (1).

Appeal

71.5 (1) In this section,

“appeal body” means,

- (a) if no person or entity is prescribed for the purposes of this section, the Tribunal, or
- (b) if a person or entity other than the Tribunal is prescribed for the purposes of this section to deal with appeals in respect of prescribed matters,
 - (i) the prescribed person or entity, for appeals in respect of the prescribed matters, and
 - (ii) the Tribunal, for appeals in respect of any other matter.

Same

(2) The person against whom an order made under subsection 71.4 (1) imposes an administrative penalty may appeal the order to the appeal body by mailing or delivering a written request for an appeal to the appeal body within 15 days after receiving the order.

If no appeal

(3) If the person does not appeal the order in accordance with subsection (2), the order is confirmed.

Hearing

(4) If the person appeals the order in accordance with subsection (2), the appeal body shall hold a hearing and may, by order, confirm, revoke or vary the assessor's order and the appeal body may attach conditions to its order.

Parties

(5) The assessor, the appellant and any other persons that the appeal body specifies are parties to the appeal.

Immediate effect

(6) Even if the person appeals an order of the appeal body, the order takes effect immediately, unless the order provides otherwise, but the Divisional Court may grant a stay until the disposition of the appeal.

Effect of paying penalty

71.6 If a person against whom an order imposing an administrative penalty is made pays the penalty in accordance with the terms of the order or, if the order is varied on appeal, in accordance with the terms of the varied order, the person cannot be charged with an offence under this Act in respect of the same contravention on which the order is based and no other prescribed measure shall be taken against the person in respect of the same contravention on which the order is based.

Enforcement

71.7 (1) If a person against whom an order imposing an administrative penalty is made fails to pay the penalty in accordance with the terms of the order or, if the order is varied on appeal, in accordance with the terms of the varied order, either or both of the following may occur:

1. The order may be filed with the Superior Court of Justice and enforced as if it were an order of the court.
2. The director may, by order, create a lien against the property of the person that is liable to pay the penalty.

Date of order

(2) For the purposes of section 129 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, the date on which the order mentioned in paragraph 1 of subsection (1) is filed with the court shall be deemed to be the date of the order.

Application of s. 82

(3) Subsections 82 (2) to (6) apply to the lien mentioned in paragraph 2 of subsection (1) of this section, with necessary modifications, as if it were a lien created by the director under subsection 82 (1) and references to the fine shall be read as references to the administrative penalty.

16 Clause 72 (2) (b) of the Act is amended by adding “of a requirement” after “contravention”.

17 Subclause 73 (1) (a) (i) of the Act is amended by adding “of a requirement” after “contravention”.

18 The Act is amended by adding the following sections:

Compliance order, contents

73.1 (1) An order made under section 73.3 or 73.4 may direct a person to take specified actions or to refrain from taking specified actions in order to comply with a requirement under this Act and may require the person to do so within a time specified in the order.

Same

(2) For clarity, a direction under subsection (1) may include a requirement that a person submit a plan to the director specifying the steps the person shall take to come into compliance and to maintain compliance or to report on the person's compliance actions at specified times.

Definition, ss. 73.3 and 73.4

73.2 In sections 73.3 and 73.4,

“appeal body” means,

- (a) if no person or entity is prescribed for the purposes of this section, the Tribunal, or
- (b) if a person or entity other than the Tribunal is prescribed for the purposes of this section to deal with appeals in respect of prescribed matters,
 - (i) the prescribed person or entity, for appeals in respect of the prescribed matters, and
 - (ii) the Tribunal, for appeals in respect of any other matter.

Proposed compliance order

73.3 (1) If the director believes on reasonable grounds that a person has contravened or might reasonably be expected to contravene any requirement under this Act, the director may propose to make an order described in section 73.1.

Notice

(2) The director shall serve on the person a notice of a proposed order described in subsection (1) and written reasons for making it.

Request for hearing

(3) The notice shall include a statement that the person is entitled to a hearing by the applicable appeal body if the person, within 15 days after the notice is served, mails or delivers a written request for a hearing to the appeal body and to the director.

No hearing required

(4) The director may make the order if the person does not request a hearing in accordance with subsection (3).

Hearing

(5) If, in accordance with subsection (3), the person requests a hearing, the appeal body shall hold the hearing.

Order of appeal body

(6) The appeal body may order the director to make the proposed order or to refrain from making the proposed order or may make an order of its own in substitution for that of the director.

Conditions

(7) The appeal body may attach to its order the conditions that it considers appropriate.

Parties

(8) The parties to proceedings before the appeal body under this section are the director, the person who has requested the hearing and the other persons, if any, that the appeal body specifies.

Immediate compliance order

73.4 (1) If, in the opinion of the director, it is in the public interest to do so, the director may make an order requiring compliance with any requirement under this Act.

Same

(2) The order takes effect as soon as it is served, in accordance with subsection (3), on the person named in it.

Notice of order

(3) Upon making an order for compliance under subsection (1), the director shall serve on the person named in the order a notice that includes the following:

1. The order and the written reasons for making it.
2. The statement mentioned in subsection 73.3 (3).

Hearing

(4) If, in accordance with the process described in the statement mentioned in paragraph 2 of subsection (3), the person named in the order requests a hearing, the appeal body shall hold the hearing.

Order of appeal body

(5) The appeal body may confirm or set aside the order or exercise all other powers that it may exercise in a proceeding under section 73.3.

Expiration of order

(6) If, in accordance with the process described in the statement mentioned in paragraph 2 of subsection (3), the person named in the order requests a hearing,

- (a) the order expires 15 days after the appeal body receives the written request for a hearing; or
- (b) the appeal body may extend the time of expiration until the hearing is concluded, if a hearing is commenced within the 15-day period mentioned in clause (a).

Same

(7) Despite subsection (6), if the appeal body is satisfied that the conduct of the person named in the order has delayed the commencement of the hearing, the appeal body may extend the time of the expiration for the order,

- (a) until the hearing commences; and
- (b) once the hearing commences, until the hearing is concluded.

Parties

(8) The parties to proceedings before the appeal body are the director, the person who has requested the hearing and the other persons, if any, that the appeal body specifies.

Appeal

73.5 (1) Even if a party to a proceeding before the Tribunal appeals, under section 11 of the *Licence Appeal Tribunal Act, 1999*, an order of the Tribunal made under section 73.3 or 73.4, the order takes effect immediately but the Tribunal may grant a stay until the disposition of the appeal.

Same

(2) The regulations may provide that, despite any appeal of an order of a prescribed person or entity under section 73.3 or 73.4, the order takes effect immediately but the prescribed person or entity may grant a stay until the disposition of the appeal.

19 Subsection 77 (1) of the Act is amended by adding “or” at the end of clause (c), by striking out “or” at the end of clause (d) and by repealing clause (e).

20 Subsection 78 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “this Act or the regulations or an order made under this Act” and substituting “a requirement under this Act”.

21 Clauses 79 (1) (a) to (c) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

- (a) furnishes false information in any application under this Act or in any statement, return or other material required under this Act; or
- (b) contravenes or fails to comply with a requirement under this Act, other than a code of ethics established by the Minister under section 112 or an order made under section 64.

22 Subsection 81 (3) of the Act is repealed.

23 The French version of subsections 83 (1) and (2) of the Act are amended by striking out “pour créer, modifier ou agrandir un cimetière” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “pour créer ou modifier un cimetière ou augmenter la capacité d’un cimetière”.

24 The French version of subsection 84 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “l’agrandissement d’un cimetière” and substituting “l’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

25 (1) Clause 86 (1) (d) of the Act is amended by striking out “in compliance with the requirements of this Act and the regulations” and substituting “in compliance with the requirements under this Act”.

(2) The French version of subsections 86 (1) and (2) of the Act are amended by striking out “l’agrandissement d’un cimetière” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “l’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

(3) The French version of clause 86 (2) (b) of the Act is amended by striking out “d’agrandissement d’un cimetière” and substituting “d’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

(4) The French version of subsection 86 (3) of the Act is amended by striking out “d’agrandissement d’un cimetière” and substituting “d’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

(5) The French version of subsection 86 (4) of the Act is amended by striking out “de créer, de modifier ou d’agrandir un cimetière” and substituting “de créer ou de modifier un cimetière ou d’augmenter la capacité d’un cimetière”.

(6) The French version of subsection 86 (5) of the Act is amended by striking out “d’agrandissement d’un cimetière” and substituting “d’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

26 (1) Subsection 88 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Cemetery closing

(1) A cemetery owner may apply, in accordance with the regulations, to the registrar for an order to close a cemetery.

(2) Clauses 88 (3) (a) and (b) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

- (a) no interments or scatterings have been made in the cemetery to be closed;
- (b) no interments or scatterings to be made in the cemetery to be closed have been authorized under subsection 3.1.1 (1);
- (c) the consent of all affected interment and scattering rights holders to the closing of the cemetery has been obtained; and
- (d) such other requirements, as may be prescribed, have been satisfied.

27 (1) Subsection 96 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Investigation into origins of site

(1) Subject to the regulations, the registrar may order the owner of land on which a burial site is discovered to, in accordance with any requirements specified by the registrar, cause an investigation to be made to determine the origin of the site.

(2) Subsection 96 (3) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Requirements re investigation

(3) A person conducting an investigation shall do so,

- (a) with the minimum disturbance to the site that is reasonable in the circumstances; and
- (b) subject to the regulations, in accordance with any other requirements as may be specified by the registrar.

28 The French version of subsection 102.1 (3) of the Act is amended by striking out “aux fins de l’enquête d’un coroner” and substituting “aux fins de son investigation”.

29 Subsection 108 (3) of the Act is repealed.

30 (1) The French version of clause 109 (1) (c.1) of the Act is amended by striking out “l’agrandissement d’un cimetière” and substituting “l’augmentation de la capacité d’un cimetière”.

(2) Subsection 109 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “or” at the end of clause (c.1), by adding “or” at the end of clause (d) and by adding the following clause:

- (e) any other matter that is prescribed.

31 Section 111 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Documents, information to registrar

111 Subject to the regulations, a person shall provide to the registrar such documents or information as the registrar requests and shall comply with such requirements as the registrar may specify respecting the documents or information, which may include requirements respecting,

- (a) the time, form and manner in which the documents or information must be provided;
- (b) the contents of the documents or information; and
- (c) verification of specified information by affidavit or otherwise.

32 (1) Subsection 112 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:

- (a.1) governing the establishment of one or more discipline committees and appeal committees for the purpose of enforcing the codes of ethics established by the Minister under clause (a) against licensees or classes of licensees and respecting the appointment of members of those committees and the composition of the committees;

(2) Clause 112 (1) (b) of the Act is amended by adding “including procedures for the purposes of paragraph 5 of subsection 64 (2)” at the end.

(3) Subsection 112 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clauses:

- (b.1) respecting the manner in which and the frequency with which decisions of the discipline committee and appeal committee are made available to the public;
- (b.2) prescribing a person other than the Minister of Finance to whom costs are to be paid under paragraph 5 of subsection 64 (2);

(4) Subsection 112 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clauses:

- (b.3) governing administrative penalties that an assessor may order and all matters necessary and incidental to the administration of a system of administrative penalties, including,
 - (i) specifying the amount of an administrative penalty or providing for the determination of the amount of an administrative penalty by specifying the method of calculating the amount and the criteria to be considered in determining the amount,
 - (ii) providing for different amounts to be paid, or different calculations or criteria to be used, depending on the circumstances that gave rise to the administrative penalty or the time at which the penalty is paid,
 - (iii) specifying information that must be included in an order for payment of an administrative penalty,
 - (iv) governing the procedure for making an order under section 71.4 or 71.5 for an administrative penalty and the rights of the parties affected by the procedure, including the time at which the order is deemed to be served on the person against whom the order is made, and
 - (v) governing the appeal of an order for payment of an administrative penalty;
- (b.4) specifying the purposes for which the administrative authority may use the funds that it collects as administrative penalties;

33 (1) Subsection 113 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

0.1 governing the application of section 3.1.1, including,

- i. prescribing licensed supplies and services for the purposes of section 3.1.1, which may include setting out the licensed supplies and services that are not prescribed for the purposes of that section,
- ii. providing for the determination of the person or entity referred to in subsection 3.1.1 (1),
- iii. prescribing conditions, limitations or restrictions that apply in connection with a person or entity giving an authorization under subsection 3.1.1 (1), including prescribing different conditions, limitations or restrictions that apply with respect to different types of persons or entities,
- iv. establishing and governing obligations of persons or entities referred to in subsection 3.1.1 (1),
- v. establishing and governing obligations of operators in connection with the application of section 3.1.1,
- vi. establishing and prescribing requirements that apply in respect of an authorization referred to in section 3.1.1, including with respect to the form and manner in which the authorization is to be given,
- vii. governing applications to court under subsection 3.1.1 (3), including respecting the procedures that govern such applications and the factors the court must consider in making an order under that subsection,
- viii. providing for exemptions from all or part of section 3.1.1, including exempting any operator or other person or entity from the application of all or part of that section and prescribing the circumstances in which all or part of that section does not apply;

(2) Paragraph 12 of subsection 113 (1) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

- 12. prescribing documents or information that persons must provide to the registrar and prescribing requirements respecting the documents or information, which may include requirements mentioned in section 111;

(3) Paragraphs 42 to 44 of subsection 113 (1) of the Act are repealed.

(4) Subsection 113 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

- 59.1 respecting transitional matters arising as a result of the enactment of the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025*;

(5) Subsection 113 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out the portion before paragraph 1 and substituting the following:

Same, burial sites and cemeteries

- (2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations in respect of burial sites and cemeteries, including regulations,

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(6) Paragraph 6 of subsection 113 (2) of the Act is repealed.

(7) Paragraph 10.1 of subsection 113 (2) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

- 10.1 governing the disinterment or removal of human remains, prescribing circumstances in which the consent of interment or scattering rights holders and any other specified persons or entities to the disinterment or removal is or is not required, prescribing circumstances in which the registrar may substitute his or her consent for that of an interment or scattering rights holder or any other specified person or entity, providing for notice of disinterment or removal to prescribed persons or entities and providing for an appeal process from the decision of the registrar to consent to a disinterment or removal.

(8) Subsection 113 (2) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

24.0.1 governing applications for orders to close cemeteries under section 88, including,

- i. requiring that applications contain the information and be accompanied by the documentation that the registrar specifies, be in the form that the registrar specifies, be submitted in the manner that the registrar specifies and be completed by the time specified by the registrar,
- ii. providing rules with respect to when the registrar may consider an application to have been withdrawn;

(9) Subsection 113 (2) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraphs:

- 24.5 requiring any person to comply with any directions specified by the registrar in respect of the disturbance, preservation, handling, investigation or disposition of a burial site or human remains and artifacts associated with the site;
- 24.6 governing directions mentioned in paragraph 24.5;
- 24.7 governing requirements specified by the registrar under subsection 96 (1) and clause 96 (3) (b);

Commencement

34 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, this Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

(2) Subsections 1 (1), (5), (6) and (8), sections 3 to 7, 10, 15, 18, 26 and 32 and subsections 33 (1) to (5) and (7) to (9) come into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

SCHEDULE 12
HEALING ARTS RADIATION PROTECTION ACT

1 Subsection 4 (3) of the *Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

Same

(3) An X-ray owner shall include their current email address and any other information that is prescribed by the regulations in an application made under subsection (2).

Notice of change

(4) An owner of an X-ray machine registered with the Director who changes their business address or email address shall provide written notice of the change to the Director within 15 days of the occurrence of the change.

Transition

- (5) Any owner of an X-ray machine shall provide notice of a change to their email address to the Director if,
- (a) the owner provided an email address to the Director before the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* received Royal Assent;
 - (b) the email address was changed; and
 - (c) the owner has not already provided notice of the change to the Director.

2 Section 22 of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:

- (k) governing the giving, service or delivery of any notice, order, decision or other document required to be given, served or delivered under this Act or the regulations;

3 Section 27 of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Service

27 (1) Any notice, order, decision or other document required to be given, served or delivered under this Act or the regulations is sufficiently given, served or delivered if,

- (a) delivered personally;
- (b) delivered by electronic means;
- (c) sent by registered mail addressed to the person to whom it is required to be given, served or delivered at the latest address for service appearing on the records of the Ministry or, where there is no address for service so appearing, at the address, if any, last known to the Director; or
- (d) any other method that is prescribed by the regulations.

When service deemed made by electronic means

(2) Service that is made by electronic means in accordance with clause (1) (b) is effective on the day of delivery if served before 4 p.m. or on the following day if served at or after 4 p.m., unless the person on whom service is being made establishes that the person did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond the person's control, receive the notice, order, decision or other document until a later date.

When service deemed made by registered mail

(3) Service that is made by registered mail in accordance with clause (1) (c) is deemed to be made on the seventh day after the day of mailing, unless the person on whom service is being made establishes that the person did not, acting in good faith, through absence, accident, illness or other cause beyond the person's control, receive the notice, order, decision or other document until a later date.

4 The French version of the Act is amended by striking out “de protection” wherever it appears and substituting in each case “de radioprotection”.

Commencement

5 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 13
IGAMING ONTARIO ACT, 2024**

1 Section 5 of the *iGaming Ontario Act, 2024* is repealed and the following substituted:

Natural person powers

5 (1) Subject to subsection (2) and section 11.0.1 of the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011*, the Corporation has the capacity, rights and powers of a natural person.

Limitations

(2) The Corporation shall not exercise any of the following powers without the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council:

1. Create a subsidiary.
2. Acquire, hold or dispose of any interest in real property.
3. Borrow money or give security against property.
4. Any prescribed power.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

SCHEDULE 14
LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD OF ONTARIO ACT, 2019

1 Subsection 4 (1) of the *Liquor Control Board of Ontario Act, 2019* is repealed and the following substituted:

General powers

(1) The LCBO has the capacity, rights and powers of a natural person for the purposes of carrying out its objects except as limited by this Act and by section 11.0.1 of the *Ministry of Infrastructure Act, 2011*.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on a day to be named by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

SCHEDULE 15
LIQUOR LICENCE AND CONTROL ACT, 2019

1 Clause 2 (1) (b) of the *Liquor Licence and Control Act, 2019* is repealed and the following substituted:

- (b) permit individuals to possess or consume open liquor in a public place that is not a public place designated by a municipality under clause 41 (1) (d) or a public area in a provincial park to which clause 41 (1) (e) applies;

2 Subsection 41 (1) of the Act is amended by striking out “or” at the end of clause (c), by adding “or” at the end of clause (d) and by adding the following clause:

- (e) a public area in a provincial park that is an operating park, and is,
 - (i) designated for the purposes of this clause by the person who is the park’s superintendent under the *Provincial Parks and Conservation Reserves Act, 2006*, subject to the regulations, and
 - (ii) indicated by notice given in one of the following ways:
 - (A) A sign posted in the park that sets out the public area and states that liquor may be consumed in a socially responsible manner while in it or that contains such other information as may be prescribed by the regulations.
 - (B) Any other way that may be prescribed by the regulations.

3 The French version of subsection 59 (2) of the Act is amended by striking out “dès qu’une personne qui croit, en se fondant sur des motifs raisonnables, que les documents servent de preuve de la perpétration d’une infraction à la présente loi ou aux règlements, fournit sous serment les renseignements pertinents” at the end and substituting “dès réception d’une dénonciation faite sous serment par une personne qui croit, en se fondant sur des motifs raisonnables, que les documents servent de preuve de la perpétration d’une infraction à la présente loi ou aux règlements”.

4 (1) Paragraph 7 of subsection 78 (1) of the Act is amended by adding “other than in public areas where it is permitted under clause 41 (1) (e)” after “in provincial parks”.

(2) Subsection 78 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

- 9.1 for the purposes of clause 41 (1) (e),
 - i. governing designations made under subclause 41 (1) (e) (i), including imposing conditions and limitations on the power to make the designations,
 - ii. respecting the contents of the notice referred to in subclause 41 (1) (e) (ii) and providing for and governing other ways of giving notice;

Commencement

5 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 16
MODERNIZING ONTARIO FOR PEOPLE AND BUSINESSES ACT, 2020

1 The *Modernizing Ontario for People and Businesses Act, 2020* is amended by striking out the heading immediately before section 7 and substituting the following:

INFORMATION AND REPORTING

2 The Act is amended by adding the following section immediately after the heading “Information and Reporting”:

Collection of information

6.1 The Minister may collect, use, and disclose personal information, as defined in the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, for the purpose of facilitating public consultation with respect to burdens or proposed instruments governed by this Act.

Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 17
MOTORIZED SNOW VEHICLES ACT

1 The definition of “motorized snow vehicle” in section 1 of the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

“motorized snow vehicle” means,

- (a) a self-propelled vehicle designed to be driven primarily on snow, and
- (b) a self-propelled vehicle that belongs to a class of vehicle prescribed by the regulations; (“motoneige”)

2 Subsection 26 (1) of the Act is amended by adding the following clause:

- (0.a) prescribing classes of vehicles for the purposes of the definition of “motorized snow vehicle”;

Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 18
MUNICIPAL ACT, 2001

1 Section 295 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* is repealed and the following substituted:

Publication of financial statements

295 (1) Within 60 days after receiving the audited financial statements of the municipality for the previous year, the treasurer of the municipality shall post a copy of the audited financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, the auditor's report and the tax rate information for taxes imposed under any Part of this Act for the current and previous year as contained in the financial review on a website of the municipality.

If no website, made available at no cost

(2) If the municipality does not have a website, the treasurer shall ensure that the information described in subsection (1) is made available to the public, at no cost.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on January 1, 2026.

SCHEDULE 19
ONTARIO INFRASTRUCTURE AND LANDS CORPORATION ACT, 2011

1 Subsection 4 (2) of the *Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation Act, 2011* is amended by adding the following paragraph:

5.1 A district social services administration board established under the *District Social Services Administration Boards Act*.

2 The French version of subsection 20 (3) of the Act is amended by striking out “président du conseil d’administration d’un organisme de la Couronne” and substituting “président d’un organisme de la Couronne”.

Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 20
RESOURCE RECOVERY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACT, 2016

1 The *Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016* is amended by adding the following section:

Minister may require collection of information, etc.

52.1 (1) The Minister may, by order, require the Authority to collect any of the following information, records or documents, as specified by the Minister in the order, from specified persons or classes of persons who are required to carry out responsibilities under Part IV, or persons performing activities that relate to resource recovery or waste reduction in Ontario, and to provide the information, records or documents to the Minister within a specified period of time:

1. Contracts, agreements, offers of service, bills of lading, invoices, remittances or correspondence related to the carrying out of responsibilities under Part IV.
2. Financial information, including costs and fees incurred, charged or proposed, and revenues generated in relation to the carrying out of responsibilities under Part IV.
3. Information about the operation of a waste disposal site or waste management system within the meaning of Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act*, including collection, management and promotion and education activities engaged in as part of carrying out responsibilities under Part IV.
4. Such other information, records or documents as the Minister may specify for the purposes of assessing the effectiveness of this Act and the regulations and developing and evaluating policy respecting resource recovery and waste reduction.

Authority to collect information, etc.

(2) The Authority shall comply with a Minister's order.

Legislation Act, 2006, Part III

(3) Part III of the *Legislation Act, 2006* does not apply to an order under this section.

2 Section 53 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Information etc. confidential

(1.2) Subject to subsections (1.3) and (1.4), if the Minister requires the Authority to provide the Minister with any information, records or documents that the Authority has collected under subsection 52.1 (1), the Minister and any other person or entity in receipt of the information, records or documents shall maintain the information, records and documents in confidence, and shall not disclose them to any person.

Disclosure for evaluation

(1.3) The information, records and documents may be disclosed to any person if the disclosure is necessary for the purposes of assessing the effectiveness of this Act and the regulations and developing and evaluating policy respecting resource recovery and waste reduction.

Disclosure with consent

(1.4) The information, records and documents may be disclosed to any person if the person to whom the information, record or document relates has consented to the disclosure.

Prevails over FIPPA

(1.5) Subsection (1.2) prevails over the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

3 Section 61 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

Same, agreement

(2.1) Without limiting the generality of paragraph 2 of subsection (2), the prescribed conditions may include a condition that the person has entered into an agreement with a person mentioned in subsection (1) or with a person mentioned in paragraph 1 of subsection (2) in respect of a product or its primary packaging in a designated class for the purposes of carrying out one or more responsibilities under this Part.

4 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Requirement to offer services

69.1 A regulation may provide that a person who satisfies the condition of having entered into an agreement described in subsection 61 (2.1) is required to offer to provide the following services with respect to prescribed material, products or packaging in a designated class to municipalities or other prescribed entities:

1. Collection services.
2. Management services.

3. Implementation of a promotion and education program.

5 Subsection 72 (1) of the Act is amended by adding “69.1” after “69”.

6 The Act is amended by adding the following section:

Information etc. to be provided

72.1 A person who is requested by the Authority to provide information, records or documents under the authority of a Minister’s order under subsection 52.1 (1) shall comply with the request within the time and in the manner specified by the Authority.

7 Subsection 98 (2) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

2.1 Section 72.1.

8 Section 107 of the Act is amended by adding the following clauses:

- (b.1) requiring persons who satisfy the condition of having entered into an agreement described in subsection 61 (2.1) to provide specified information, including financial and operational information, within specified time periods, to the parties to the agreement, the public and the Authority;
- (b.2) governing agreements mentioned in clause (b.1);
- (b.3) governing offers mentioned in section 69.1, including,
 - (i) specifying circumstances in which offers must be made and time periods within which offers must be made,
 - (ii) governing terms and conditions to be included in an offer, and
 - (iii) prescribing requirements respecting the services offered;

Commencement

9 This Schedule comes into force on day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

**SCHEDULE 21
ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ACT**

1 (1) Subsection 4 (1) of the *Royal Ontario Museum Act* is amended by striking out “consisting of twenty-one trustees” at the end and substituting “consisting of no fewer than 13 and no more than 21 trustees”.

(2) Subsections 4 (3), (3.1) and (3.2) of the Act are repealed and the following substituted:

Appointment and election

(3) The remaining trustees shall consist of,

- (a) four elected by the members of the Museum; and
- (b) not fewer than seven and not more than 15 appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Term

(3.1) The trustees elected under clause (3) (a) shall each hold office for a term of three years.

Same

(3.2) The trustees appointed under clause (3) (b) shall each hold office at pleasure for a term of up to three years.

(3) Subsection 4 (4) of the Act is repealed.

(4) Subsection 4 (5) of the Act is repealed and the following substituted:

Vacancies

(5) Where a vacancy occurs for any reason among the trustees elected or appointed under subsection (3),

- (a) the vacancy shall be filled by a person elected or appointed by the body that elected or appointed the trustee whose office is vacant; and
- (b) the body that elected or appointed the trustee under clause (a) shall determine if the trustee shall hold office for the remainder of the vacated term or for a new term in accordance with subsection (3.1) or (3.2), as the case may be.

Commencement

2 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.

SCHEDULE 22
SUCCESSION LAW REFORM ACT

1 (1) Subsection 51 (1.1) of the *Succession Law Reform Act* is repealed and the following substituted:

Designation by attorney or guardian

(1.1) If a participant has designated a person by an instrument referred to in clause (1) (a) to receive a benefit payable under a plan on the participant's death and if the plan is being converted, renewed, replaced or transferred, the participant's attorney under a continuing power of attorney for property or the participant's guardian of property may make a designation under subsection (1), by instrument signed by the attorney or guardian, in order to permit the same person to be designated under the plan that results from the conversion, renewal, replacement or transfer.

Same

(1.2) For greater certainty, nothing in subsection 7 (2) or 31 (1) of the *Substitute Decisions Act, 1992* prevents an attorney under a continuing power of attorney for property or a guardian of property from making a designation under subsection (1) in the circumstances set out in subsection (1.1).

(2) Section 51 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:

Electronic designation

(3) A designation under clause (1) (a) or subsection (1.1) may be made electronically in accordance with the *Electronic Commerce Act, 2000*.

2 Section 53 of the Act is amended by striking out the portion before clause (a) and substituting the following:

Payment and enforcement

53 Where a person has been designated in accordance with section 51 to receive a benefit under a plan on the death of the participant,

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Commencement

3 This Schedule comes into force on the day the *Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025* receives Royal Assent.