



Bill 140, **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 142, **Highway Traffic Amendment Act** (School Crossing Guards) (PMB)

Bill 143, **Education Statute Law Amendment Act** (Teachers' Assistants) (PMB)

Bill 144, **Labour Relations Statute Amendment Act**

Bill 145, **Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Amendment Act (Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment Memorial Highway)** (PMB)

Bill 146, **Frederick Banting Homestead Preservation Act** (PMB)

Bill 147, **Pension Benefits Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 148, **Recall Act** (PMB)

Bill 151, **Labour Relations Amendment Act** (Certification) (PMB)

Bill 152, **Labour Relations Statute Amendment Act** (Successor Rights) (PMB)

Bill 153, **Jay Lawrence and Bart Mackey Memorial Act (Highway Traffic Amendment)** (PMB)

Bill 154, **Income Tax Amendment Act (Medical Expense Tax Credit)** (PMB)

Bill 155, **Family Responsibility and Support Arrears Enforcement Amendment Act**

Bill 156, **Trillium Gift of Life Network Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 158, **Film Classification Act**

Bill 159, **Private Security and Investigative Services Act**

Bill 161, **Dog Owners' Liability Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 162, **Highway Traffic Amendment Act (School Bus Drivers' Licences)** (PMB)

Bill 163, **City of Ottawa Amendment Act**

Bill 164, **Tobacco Control Statute Law Amendment Act**

Bill 165, **Elected Officials Immunity Act** (PMB)

Bill 166, **Corporations Tax Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 167, **Education Amendment Act**

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Legislature Back In February

The legislature rose for the mid-winter break on Thursday, December 16th. It is scheduled to resume sitting on February 15th, rise again on March 9th, and resume sitting again on March 29th.

Summary of Fall Sitting

The fall sitting saw a total of 16 bills pass Third Reading and receive Royal Assent. All 16 were government bills.

Twelve bills passed First and Second Readings and were referred to committees for further study. Of these, four were government bills and eight were Private Member's Bills (7 Lib, 1 PC).

Thirty-six bills were introduced at First Reading. Of these 10 were government bills, one was a committee bill, and 25 were Private Member's Bills (6 Lib, 6 NDP, 13 PC).

Bills Receiving Royal Assent

The following government bills received Royal Assent in November (the first 3) and December (the remaining 13).

Bill 18, **Audit Statute Law Amendment Act** changes name of the Provincial Auditor to Auditor General and defines term and authority.

Bill 70, **Ministry of Consumer and Business Services Statute Law Amendment Act** amends several acts, mostly administered by Ministry of Business and Consumer Services.

Bill 105, **Tax Terminology Harmonization Act** revises the terminology used in the French version of certain acts.

Bill 17, **Executive Council Amendment Act** provides that cabinet ministers must attend 2/3 of all Question Period sessions and introduces fines for non-attendance.

Bill 25, **Government Advertising Act** requires heads of government offices to submit certain types of ads to Auditor General for review prior to use.

Bill 63, **Employment Standards Amendment Act (Hours of Work and Other Matters)** allows employers to force employees to work more than 48 hours a week, if agreed to by employee in writing; permits averaging of overtime with Ministry approval.

Bill 73, **Highway Traffic Statute Law Amendment Act (Child and Youth Safety)** authorizes regulations for novice drivers and child seat belts.

Bill 82, **Professional Learning Program Cancellation Act** cancels teacher testing.

Bill 84, **Fiscal Transparency and Accountability Act** requires the government to plan balanced budget, specifies when a deficit is permitted, requires Finance Minister to report on revenue/expenses at specific times.

Bill 96, **Liquor License Amendment Act** permits licensed premises to allow patrons to bring their own wine.

Bill 100, **Electricity Restructuring Act** restructures the electricity sector, establishes an independent power authority (Ontario Power Authority).

Bill 106, **Budget Measures Act (No. 2)** imposes Ontario Health Premium tax.

Bill 124, **Health Protection and Promotion Amendment Act** sets out appointment, term of office, powers, etc. of Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Bill 149, **Budget Measures Act (Fall)** amends 39 Acts, mostly to do with taxes, insurance and financing.

Bill 157, **Greenbelt Protection Amendment Act** changes the date of repeal of the *Greenbelt Protection Act* from December, 2004 to March, 2005.

Bill 160, **Supply Act** authorizes the expenditures of specific amounts for areas of government business for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Bills In Committee

Twelve bills passed Second Reading and were referred to committee (Note: PMB indicates Private Member's Bill).

Bill 60, **Ontario Heritage Amendment Act** (standards, guidelines, registration of property) amended by the Justice Policy Committee and awaits Third Reading.

Bill 116, **Dental Hygiene Amendment Act** (PC PMB removing certain restrictions on dental hygienists) referred to Public Accounts in December.

Bill 118, **Accessibility for Ontarians With Disabilities Act** (developing and enforcing standards relating to accessibility) was referred to the Social Policy Committee in December and in public hearings in early February.

Bill 120, **City of Toronto Amendment Act** (Lib PMB permitting Toronto to set own boundaries and numbers of councillors) referred to the General Government Committee in October.

Bill 123, **Transparency in Public Matters Act** (Lib PMB requiring meetings of public bodies be open to the public) was referred to Finance and Economic Affairs in October.

Bill 129, **Highway Traffic Amendment Act** (Lib PMB requiring people to wear helmets for skateboards, scooters, etc.)

referred to Social Policy Committee in November.

Bill 130, **Kids First Licences Act** (Lib PMB permitting donations to children's charities when paying driver's licence fees) referred to Finance and Economic Affairs Committee in October.

Bill 132, **Public Safety Related to Dogs Statute Amendment Act** (ban on pitbulls) was referred to Committee on Legislative Assembly in December.

Bill 134, **Municipal Amendment Act** (Lib PMB granting tax exemption for hospices) referred to Social Policy in November.

Bill 135, **Greenbelt Act** (establishing a Greenbelt Plan) referred to the General Government Committee in December, in hearings in early February.

Bill 141, **Home Fire Sprinkler Act** (Lib PMB requiring sprinkler systems in new homes built) referred to Legislative Assembly Committee in November.

Bill 150, **Celebration of Hellenic Heritage Act** (PMB proclaiming Hellenic Heritage Day) referred to Public Accounts in December.

Bills Passed First Reading

Bill 119, **Archives Awareness Week Act** (PMB)

Bill 121, **Legislative Assembly Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 122, **Corporations Tax Amendment Act (Fines and Penalties Not Deductible)** (PMB)

Bill 125, **Environmental Protection Amendment Act** (PMB)

Bill 126, **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act (Harassment)** (PMB)

Bill 127, **Physical Fitness Day Act** (PMB)

Bill 128, **Law Enforcement and Forfeited Property Management Statute Law Amendment Act**

Bill 131, **Occupational Health and Safety Amendment Act (Workplace Violence and Workplace Harassment)** (PMB)

Bill 133, **Environmental Enforcement Statute Law Amendment Act**

Bill 136, **Places To Grow Act**

Bill 137, **Income Tax Amendment Act (Public Transit Expense Tax Credit)** (PMB)

Bill 138, **Emergency Management Statute Law Amendment Act** (Committee Bill)

Bill 139, **Remembrance Day Observance Act** (PMB)