Hello,

I am writing to advise you that the government introduced the Good Government Act, 2009 (Bill 212) on October 27, 2009. The news release and background materials are available at:

Bill 212 includes proposed changes that will affect a number of statutes administered by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care including the Health Protection and Promotion Act, Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion Act, Municipal Health Services Act and the Fluoridation Act.

The changes being proposed are housekeeping amendments designed to repeal unnecessary, unused or redundant sections of the Acts or make technical amendments for clarification purposes. This includes repealing the Municipal Health Services Act, which sets out an obsolete framework for the provision of health services at the municipal level. Other items for repeal include requirements under the HPPA (e.g. that boards of health meet prior to February 1st in any calendar year, repealing the requirement for the Minister to approve fees charged by a board of health, which is overridden by provisions in the Municipal Act), and clarifying the wording of sections of the Act which permit the Chief Medical Officer of Health to order health information custodians to provide information.

For a copy of the bill, please visit the Legislative Assembly’s website (http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/home.do).

Thanks

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