

Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024 - Amendments to Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Regulation Number(s):

N/A

Instrument Type:

Act

Bill or Act:

Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019

Summary of Proposal:

The Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 was brought into force on April 1, 2024. This package of proposed legislative amendments would continue to advance modernization of policing in Ontario by responding to operational issues and technical requirements.

At this time, SOLGEN is requesting public and stakeholder input on proposed amendments, which include:



- Enabling the transfer of responsibility of policing in relation to prescribed areas and enabling regulations to address cost recovery in relation to such areas;
- Establishing the authority for the Solicitor General to issue awards related to policing, including awards for long service;
- Clarifying the timeline requirements within provisions that specify when certain activities related to appointments, oaths, or affirmations must occur;
- Adding a definition of "prescribed entity" to promote clarity and remove ambiguity in the use of the term throughout the Act and some regulations;
- Addressing operational issues with respect to police services assisting each other, through amendments that would shift the authority to request temporary assistance from police service boards to chiefs of police, allowing them greater flexibility in seeking assistance from another chief of police to provide adequate and effective policing; and,
- Other minor amendments to various provisions are proposed to ensure clarity and consistency of specific sections of the Act.

Analysis of Regulatory Impact:

The proposed legislative amendments will not have any financial impacts to the government or to municipalities and police services; however, there may be financial pressures or implications that arise during implementation, such as pressures resulting from operational changes associated with regulations that are to be developed in the future.

SOLGEN may be consulting with stakeholders to identify whether there are any potential costs associated with associated proposed regulations coming into force.

Further Information:

-  Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019
-  Safer Streets, Stronger Communities Act, 2024

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