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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT

THE ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF RED TAPE REDUCTION

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 2019)

Preamble

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta recognizes that a consistent, transparent and efficient system of regulatory and administrative requirements is necessary to protect the public interest, including health, safety, the environment and fiscal accountability;

WHEREAS some regulatory and administrative requirements result in unnecessary costs for Albertans in terms of time, money or other resources, putting burdens on businesses and non-profit and public sector organizations and threatening jobs;

WHEREAS addressing the requirements that cause these burdens will enable economic growth, innovation and competitiveness and facilitate a strong investment climate in Alberta, getting Albertans back to work and making life better for Albertans;

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta is committed to acting deliberately and expeditiously to eliminate and prevent unnecessary regulatory and administrative requirements by establishing strategies and initiatives based on the principles of necessity, effectiveness, efficiency and proportionality, including moving from a process-based to an outcome-based regulatory approach; and

WHEREAS the Government of Alberta will strive to ensure that these strategies and initiatives meet a standard of excellence that citizens can rely on and taxpayers can afford, with no net increase in regulatory or administrative burdens;

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

Definition

1 In this Act, “Minister” means the Minister determined under section 16 of the *Government Organization Act* as the Minister responsible for this Act.

Report

2(1) Beginning in 2020, the Minister shall, subject to the regulations, prepare a report respecting the Government's strategies and initiatives to eliminate and prevent unnecessary regulatory and administrative requirements.

(2) The Minister shall

- (a) make the report available to the public, and
- (b) lay a copy of the report before the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable if it is sitting or, if it is not sitting, within 15 days after the commencement of the next sitting.

Power to amend regulations

3(1) In this section, "regulation" means a regulation filed under the *Regulations Act*.

(2) Where multiple regulations are to be amended at the same time to eliminate or prevent unnecessary regulatory or administrative requirements, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may amend those regulations notwithstanding that one or more of the regulations was made by a member of the Executive Council.

(3) Nothing in this section authorizes an amendment to a regulation that would not have been authorized by the Act under which the regulation was made.

Regulations

4 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations

- (a) respecting the contents of a report under section 2 and when the report is to be prepared;
- (b) respecting the Government's strategies and initiatives to eliminate and prevent unnecessary regulatory and administrative requirements, including regulations respecting the methods used to assess the effectiveness of those strategies and initiatives;
- (c) respecting any matter or thing the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to eliminate or prevent unnecessary regulatory or administrative requirements.

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