



NEW BILLS INTRODUCED

BILL 207, MOVING ONTARIO FAMILY LAW FORWARD ACT

Attorney General Doug Downey introduced this government bill that seeks to make it easier for families to navigate and resolve legal matters, while bringing the province's divorce and custody laws in line with federal law.

BILL 206, CHANGE OF NAME AMENDMENT ACT

PC MPP Christina Mitas (Scarborough Centre) introduced her private member's bill that would make sexual offenders ineligible to change their name. Offenders who are ineligible are those who are required to comply with Christopher's Law (Sex Offender Registry), 2000, and other criminal offenders who may be prescribed by regulation.

Mitas' bill also passed 2nd Reading as well and was referred to Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills.

BILL 205, PROTECTING RENTERS FROM ILLEGAL EVICTIONS ACT

NDP MPP Jessica Bell's (University—Rosedale) private member's bill is an attempt to tighten up protections for renters from evictions, particularly from the practice of "renovictions" whereby landlords use renovations, repairs or demolition as a means to evict tenants.

BILLS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

BILL 203, MORE THAN A VISITOR ACT (CAREGIVING IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS)

NDP MPP Lisa Gretzky (Windsor West) introduced this private member's bill that would enshrine the right to access essential caregivers for people in congregate care settings. In particular, Gretzky's bill would allow family members access. The bill was referred to the Standing Committee on Social Policy.

BILL 206, CHANGE OF NAME AMENDMENT ACT

See above in "New Bills Introduced."

BILLS PASSED

BILL 182, FRANCO-ONTARIAN EMBLEM AMENDMENT ACT

PC MPP Natalia Kusendova's (Mississauga Centre) private member's bill the *Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act, 2001* to recognize the Franco-Ontarian flag as an emblem of Ontario.

BILL 131, TIBETAN HERITAGE MONTH ACT

NDP MPP Bhutla Karpoche's (Parkdale—High Park) private member's bill proclaims the month of July in each year as Tibetan Heritage Month.

IN OTHER NEWS

REASONED AMENDMENTS ELIMINATED

The Ford government's motion changing the standing orders to eliminate “reasoned amendments” passed. The NDP, Liberals and Green voted against the motion because reasoned amendments allowed the opposition an additional two days to review and delay government bills. In an unsuccessful attempt to break the opposition's coalition against the changes, the PCs gave the independent MPPs two extra questions in question period.

JIM WILSON TO RETIRE

Since his election in 1990, PC MPP Jim Wilson (Simcoe—Grey) has been one of the most visible members of the Ontario Legislature having served in every possible role including a stint as interim leader of the opposition. A former Mike Harris cabinet minister, Wilson was seen as a staunch advocate and defender of the “Common Sense Revolution” and related right-wing causes. Ultimately, Wilson's political career was short-circuited after the Premier revealed allegations of sexual misconduct against him. Wilson was removed from cabinet and the PC caucus. Once it appeared clear that Ford would not reinstate Wilson to the PC caucus in time for the next election, Wilson reluctantly agreed to end his career at the end of this Parliament's mandate in June 2022.

PCS ACCUSED OF DIRECTING PARENTS SEEKING SMALLER CLASSES TO PRIVATE SCHOOLS

In one of the most striking revelations this past week, Solicitor General Sylvia Jones' (Dufferin—Caledon) constituency office was [accused of directing parents](#) concerned with class sizes to enroll their children in private school. Reached by her local newspaper, Jones said that she did not advocate for private schools. The newspaper says it was unable to get Jones to confirm or deny what her staff said to the parents about transferring to a private school.