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Comment on this proposal

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Seeking feedback on potential measures to support public safety and promote economic development by facilitating barrier-free access to key economic and community infrastructure

Summary of the proposal

Creating safer communities and facilitating barrier-free access to key economic and community infrastructure promotes economic development across the province, which is a priority for the Government of Ontario.

There are growing concerns regarding the safe and barrier/obstruction-free access to key infrastructure, such as businesses, highways, roadways and overpasses, as well as cultural/community sites like places of worship. The province is considering legislative and non-legislative changes that could address obstruction to such infrastructure and provide enforcement tools.

This posting has one area of focus, led by the Ministry of the Solicitor General with partner ministries. Legislative and non-legislative measures to address this area, and to support enforcement, is contemplated:
 Examining various options to advance the public's safe access to key economic and community infrastructure that is free from obstruction and intimidation.

The Government of Ontario is seeking input and invites you to submit comments on any of the following questions.

Options to advance barrier- and obstruction-free access to key economic and community infrastructure

Roadway obstructions

1. Should the province consider a legislated prohibition related to unauthorized, willful obstruction of a roadway, including overpasses/bridges, where the obstruction is intentional, cannot be easily avoided and blocks travel? Why or why not?

2. Should the province consider any of the following? Why or why not?

A. Developing new police authorities to direct individuals to cease obstructing a roadway, including overpasses/bridges?

B. Instituting a new provincial offence for individuals that do not comply with this direction?

C. Creating a new requirement for individuals to provide identifying information for the purposes of issuing a provincial offence notice in relation to the new offence?

D. Making new arrest powers for police where there is a failure to comply with the duty to identify? This power would exist only where an individual refuses to identify themselves and identity cannot be otherwise ascertained, solely for the purpose of laying the roadway obstruction offence.

E. Are there other specific legislative or non-legislative changes that the provincial government should consider to address this issue?

Barrier- and obstruction-free access to community/cultural infrastructure, such as religious institutions, culturally-specific community centres, or schools

Should the province consider any of the following? Why or why not?

1. Developing new police authorities to direct individuals to cease intimidating or obstructing access to community/cultural infrastructure?

2. Instituting a new provincial offence for individuals that do not comply with this direction?

3. Creating a new requirement for individuals to provide identifying information for the purposes of issuing a provincial offence notice in relation to the new offence?

4. Making new arrest powers for police where there is a failure to comply with the duty to identify?

A. This power would exist only where an individual refuses to identify themselves and identity cannot be otherwise ascertained and would be solely for the purpose of laying the intimidation and/or obstruction offence(s) for community/cultural infrastructure.

5. Other enforcement tools/resources to implement federal Criminal Code offences and/or provincial prohibitions regarding intimidation/obstruction? Religious institutions, culturally-specific community centres, and schools are examples of potential infrastructure. Should the province consider other infrastructure as well?

Please provide any additional comments or suggestions. Do you have any other ideas for responding to obstruction and barriered access to key economic and community infrastructure in the province?

The Government of Ontario appreciates and welcomes your feedback.

Relevant dates

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Analysis of the regulatory impact

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Proposed Changes to the Ontario Fire Code and Administrative Penalties Regulations made under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 to Enhance Lithium-ion Battery Fire Safety

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is seeking feedback on proposed changes to Ontario Regulation 213/07: Fire Code and Ontario Regulation 260/25: Administrative Penalties made under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 (FPPA). These changes aim to address fire safety concerns related to lithium-ion battery fire safety.

Proposed regulation under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) to grant police officer powers to Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers and peace officer and police officer powers to other peace officers outside Ontario

The Ministry of the Solicitor General is proposing a regulation under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (CSPA) to grant Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) officers the powers of a police officer under select Ontario statutes and to grant Parks Canada Agency (PCA) park wardens the powers of a police officer

Record Keeping Related to Prohibited Procedures under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019

The Ministry of the Solicitor General (the ministry) is seeking input on a proposed approach to prescribe record keeping requirements in regulation under the Provincial Animal Welfare Services Act, 2019 (PAWS Act). This would support compliance with the prohibition of prescribed procedures under O. Reg. 152/26: Prescribed Procedures - Section 22 of the Act, which will come into force on January 1, 2027.