

A Petition to Repeal Bill 36 – The Health Professions and Occupations Act

Preamble:

Bill 36 was passed by the Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2022, and received Royal Assent that same day. Upon being assented to, the *Health Professions and Occupations Act*, was enacted by the Legislature. The Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council on the recommendation of the minister responsible and the presiding member of the Executive Council. Although not yet in force, the Bill having been enacted into law, cannot be withdrawn by the House. Similarly, it is now not the Minister of Health who decides whether to bring or not bring the Act into force by regulation. The only option of request that is within the purview of the Legislative Assembly is requesting that the Legislative Assembly take steps to repeal the Act.

The exact wording of “the prayer” (e.g. petition) was created with guidance from an MLA and The Office of the Clerk. There are specific text requirements with respect to the text within the prayer and the request of the House must be within the purview of the Legislative Assembly. The Office of the Clerk unilaterally decides whether the petition is in order after the final petition has been presented to the House by the MLA, thus a preliminary review by the Office of the Clerk provides the best chance of a confirmed petition. Therefore, while you may disagree with the wording and/or request within the petition respectfully keep those thoughts to yourself as there are strict guidelines to follow.

Instructions:

1. All information collected on the petition needs to be **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** (e.g. no scanning, no emailing, no electronic signatures, etc.)
 - a. Print off the petition and canvas for signatures (18 per page)
 - b. There are no age restrictions on the petition; if they can write, they can sign
 - c. This is a public petition **NOT** just healthcare professional specific
 - d. “The prayer” **MUST** be at the top of each page therefore **DO NOT** create pages with just tables of signatures

2. When you have collected all 18 **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** signatures, please mail the form to:

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