The Government of BC passed Bill 36, as the new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* (HPOA) RESTRICTIONS Now in Place

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1. All BC practitioners must now follow health guidelines set by political appointees for their patients or risk penalties including loss of license to practice.
2. Non-compliance with Ministry therapeutic guidelines may result in fines up to $200,000 or $500,000 (corporations) and incarceration up to 6 months or 2 years.[1]
3. Anonymous complaints to the Colleges can result in summary suspension of licensure to practice before the complaint is investigated.[2,3]
4. Appointees chosen by politicians may now enter a healthcare practice, seize patient records and restrict access to that facility without a warrant or court order.[4]
5. Refusal to accept all Ministry mandated vaccines and therapies will likely result in delicensure.[5]
6. College advisory boards will now consist of government appointees only.[6]
7. All "self-regulatory" healthcare professions in BC will be governed entirely by politicians and their agents, using appointees selected by the Ministry of Health.[7]
8. The Cabinet and the Minister of Health can adopt as law in BC any regulations, codes, standards or rules enacted in foreign jurisdictions or international bodies.[8]
9. The new *Health Professions and Occupations Act* requires further elucidation of undefined terms used in the *Act*, such as "false or misleading information", which may be defined by appointees at their discretion, lacking consultation with health professionals.[9]

Bill 36 was one of the largest bills ever passed in British Columbia, consisting of 645 sections and 276 pages, that received royal assent on November 24, 2022. Members of the BC legislature failed to fully consider or debate the 412 clauses. MLA Mike Farnworth made the motion to dispose (end) the debate, and that motion was carried. The public was denied due democratic process to have a fully debated and considered bill, violating the BC government's own Standing Order s. 84 (1)(2) of the *BC Constitution Act* (1996), s.45.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Learn about the *Act* and recognize its implications for you and your patients/clients. The *Act* will empower government intrusion into your relationship with patients and clients.

The HPO *Act*: https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/42nd-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov36-3

1. Place the enclosed poster in a prominent place in your office.
2. Share the flyer with patients, and encourage your patients to fill in and mail the patient postcard to their local MLA. Consider providing postage to ensure prompt posting.
3. Send your practitioners' postcard to your own Association.
4. Inform your patients/clients and other practitioners.

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Ref.: [1]§514,518 [2,3]§122,153,225,259,260 [4]§131,224,506,511 [5]§49,222 [6,7]§345,346,486 [8]§335(2),533(1) [9]§34(2b),49,72 (3) (b), 200,213,518,519