

August 4, 2020

The Honourable Darryl Plecas Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament Buildings Victoria BC V8V 1X4

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find attached a report regarding regulations made on July 30, 2020 under the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, SBC 2020, c 8 (CRMA). This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (2) of the CRMA.

Subsection 4 (4) of CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

Effects of Attached Regulations

- The regulations create the COVID-19 (*Residential Tenancy Act and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*) Regulation to update terms of repayment of rent in arrears, and set out stipulations for providing a notice to end tenancy.
- The regulations establish a repayment framework that will apply once the ban on issuing evictions for non-payment of rent is lifted. The framework requires a landlord to give a tenant until July 2021 to repay any outstanding rent, as long as monthly instalments are paid.
- In addition, the regulations address rent increases, stipulating that rent increases imposed after March 30, 2020 do not take effect until November 30, 2020.
- Under the authority of s. 3 (8) (a) of the CRMA, the regulation repeals Item 23 in Schedule 2 to the CRMA (MO195/2020 Residential Tenancy (COVID-19) Order No. 2).

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- The regulation adds the COVID-19 (*Residential Tenancy Act and Manufactured Home Park Tenancy Act*) Regulation as Item 25 in Schedule 2 to the CRMA.
 - o Sections 1.07 and 2.07 of Item 25 will be repealed on November 30, 2020.
 - o Sections 1 to 1.06, 1.08, 2, 2.01 to 2.06, 2.08, 3 and 4 of Item 25 will be repealed on July 10, 2021.

Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulations.

Yours truly,

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Attachment