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The Honourable Darryl Plecas
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find attached a report regarding the repeal on July 30, 2020 of certain Sections of an existing COVID-19 provision 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.

Context and Background

- On March 26, 2020, the Local Authorities and Essential Goods and Supplies (COVID-19) Order, M084/2020 was made under the *Emergency Program Act*, RSBC 1996, c 111 (EPA).
- MO84/2020 addresses a wide range of actions related to protecting the supply chain and consumers, establishes minimum service levels for travel, protects vulnerable people, and directs greater coordination between the Province and municipal governments.
- Section 3 of MO84/2020 required local authority emergency plans to be implemented.
- Section 4 of MO84/2020 set aside declarations of states of local emergency and orders.
- Section 10 (1) (b) of MO84/2020 required BC Ferries and all other ferry operators to ensure priority loading for residents of ferry sailing destinations.
- On July 10, 2020 MO84/2020 was enacted as a “COVID-19 provision” under the CRMA. It was listed as Item 2 in Schedule 2 to the CRMA. This elevated the provision to the level of statute law and also allowed for its effects to be extended beyond the end of the state of emergency.

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- Under s. 3 (5) (a) of the CRMA, the effects of this order were set to remain in force for 90 days after the end of the state of emergency that was declared under Section 9 (1) of the EPA on March 18, 2020.

Effects of Attached Regulation

The attached regulation does the following:

- Under the authority of s. 3 (8) (a) of the CRMA, repeals Sections 3, 4 and 10(1)(b) of Item 2 in Schedule 2 to the CRMA. The remainder of that item is unaffected.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Eby', written in a cursive style.

David Eby, QC
Attorney General

Attachment