

M.O. 27/2020

#### **MINISTERIAL ORDER**

WHEREAS the Lieutenant Governor in Council made Order in Council 080/2020 under section 52.1(1) of the *Public Health Act* (PHA) on March 17, 2020 declaring a state of public health emergency in Alberta due to pandemic COVID-19 and the significant likelihood of pandemic influenza;

WHEREAS Order in Council 080/2020 has effect for 90 days following March 17, 2020 under section 52.8(1)(a) of the PHA;

WHEREAS section 52.1(3) of the PHA authorizes the Minister of Health/the Minister responsible for an enactment (Minister), to make an order without consultation, to suspend or modify the application or operation of all or part of an enactment, subject to the terms and conditions the Minister prescribes, if the Minister is satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactment is not in the public interest; and

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the enactments under Appendix A is not in the public interest because the State of Public Health Emergency and the social distancing requirements severely restrict the ability of individual Albertans to take steps to preserve their rights;

THEREFORE, I, Doug Schweitzer, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General responsible for the enactments under Appendix A, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the *Public Health Act*, do hereby order that:

- 1. Limitation periods are suspended in the enactments under Appendix A from March 17, 2020 to June 1, 2020.
- 2. Any period of time within which any step must be taken in any proceeding or intended proceeding is suspended subject to the discretion of the court, tribunal, or other decision-maker from March 17, 2020 to June 1, 2020.
- 3. For clarity, the limitation period or period of time resumes running on June 1, 2020 and the temporary suspension period shall not be counted.

This Order lapses, unless it is sooner continued by an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(3) of the PHA, at the earliest of the following:

- (a) June 1, 2020;
- (b) 60 days after Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, if Order in Council 080/2020 is terminated before June 1, 2020;
- (c) when this Order is terminated by the Minister under section 52.811(2) of the PHA because the Minister is satisfied that this Order is no longer in the public interest; or
- (d) when this Order is terminated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 52.811(1)(c) of the PHA.

**Dated** at the City of Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this <u>30</u> day of March, 2020.

MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

### **APPENDIX I**

### **MINISTERIAL ORDER (27/2020)**

# **SCHEDULE**

## The following enactments including all regulations under these statutes:

- (a) Administrative Procedures and Jurisdiction Act;
- (b) Adult Guardianship and Trusteeship Act;
- (c) Adult Interdependent Relationships Act;
- (d) Age of Majority Act;
- (e) Alberta Evidence Act, except section 9;
- (f) Alberta Human Rights Act;
- (g) Alberta Personal Property Bill of Rights;
- (g.1) Alberta Senate Election Act;
  - (h) Arbitration Act;
  - (i) Body Armour Control Act;
  - (j) Civil Enforcement Act;
  - (k) Class Proceedings Act;
  - (1) Conflicts of Interest Act;
- (m) Contributory Negligence Act;
- (n) Corrections Act;
- (o) Court of Appeal Act;
- (p) Court of Queen's Bench Act;
- (q) Criminal Notoriety Act;
- (r) Dangerous Dogs Act;
- (s) Daylight Saving Time Act;
- (t) Defamation Act;
- (u) Election Act;
- (v) Election Finances and Contributions Disclosure Act;
- (w) Electoral Boundaries Commission Act;
- (x) Electoral Divisions Act;
- (y) Estate Administration Act;
- (z) Expropriation Act, except sections 25 to 28 and 72;

- (aa) Extra-provincial Enforcement of Custody Orders Act;
- (bb) Factors Act;
- (cc) Family Law Act;
- (cc.1) Family Property Act;
- (dd) Fatal Accidents Act;
- (ee) Fatality Inquiries Act;
- (ff) section 19 of the Fisheries (Alberta) Act;
- (gg) Fraudulent Preferences Act;
- (hh) Frustrated Contracts Act;
- (ii) Schedule 9 to the Government Organization Act;
- (jj) Guarantees Acknowledgment Act;
- (kk) Gunshot and Stab Wound Mandatory Disclosure Act;
- (ll) Innkeepers Act;
- (mm) International Child Abduction Act;
- (nn) International Commercial Arbitration Act;
- (00) International Conventions Implementation Act;
- (pp) Interpretation Act;
- (qq) Interprovincial Subpoena Act;
- (rr) Judgment Interest Act;
- (ss) Judicature Act;
- (tt) Jury Act;
- (uu) Justice of the Peace Act;
- (vv) Landlord's Rights on Bankruptcy Act;
- (ww) Languages Act/Loi linguistique;
- (xx) Limitations Act;
- (yy) Lobbyists Act;
- (zz) Maintenance Enforcement Act;
- (aaa) Maternal Tort Liability Act;
- (bbb) repealed AR 5/2020 s10;
- (ccc) Minors' Property Act;
- (ddd) Missing Persons Act;

- (eee) Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Act, except sections 2 and 3;
- (fff) Notaries and Commissioners Act;
- (ggg) Oaths of Office Act;
- (hhh) Occupiers' Liability Act;
- (iii) Ombudsman Act;
- (jjj) Peace Officer Act;
- (kkk) Perpetuities Act;
- (III) Personal Directives Act;
- (mmm) Part 5 of the Personal Property Security Act;
  - (nnn) Petty Trespass Act;
  - (000) Police Act;
  - (ppp) Powers of Attorney Act;
  - (qqq) Proceedings Against the Crown Act;
- (qqq.1) Protecting Victims of Non-consensual Distribution of Intimate Images Act;
  - (rrr) Provincial Court Act;

Note: Provincial Offences Procedure Act is excluded

- (ttt) Public Inquiries Act;
- (uuu) Public Interest Disclosure (Whistleblower Protection) Act;
- (vvv) Public Sector Compensation Transparency Act;
- (www) Public Trustee Act;
- (xxx) Queen's Counsel Act;
- (yyy) Reciprocal Enforcement of Judgments Act;
- (zzz) Recording of Evidence Act;
- (aaaa) Regulations Act;
- (bbbb) The Revised Statutes 1980 Act;
- (cccc) Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods Act;
- (dddd) Sale of Goods Act;
- (dddd.1) Scrap Metal Dealers and Recyclers Identification Act;
  - (eeee) Security Services and Investigators Act;
  - (ffff) Statute Revision Act;
- (gggg) Statutes Repeal Act;

- (hhhh) Survival of Actions Act;
  - (iiii) Tort-feasors Act;
  - (jjjj) Trespass to Premises Act;
- (kkkk) Trustee Act;
  - (IIII) Unconscionable Transactions Act;
- (mmmm) Victims of Crime Act;
  - (nnnn) Warehouse Receipts Act;
  - (0000) section 1.1 of the Wildlife Act;
  - (pppp) Wills and Succession Act;
  - (qqqq) Witness Security Act;
    - (rrrr) Youth Justice Act.
      - (a) Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act;
      - (b) Legal Profession Act;
      - (c) Property Rights Advocate;
      - (d) Victims Restitution and Compensation Payment Act.