



M.O. 25/2020

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 Justice and Solicitor General 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;

WHEREAS I am satisfied that the application or operation of all or part of the *Security Services and Investigators Act* (Act) is not in the public interest because licenses issued under this Act are expiring during this state of public health emergency and there is no ability under the Act to extend an expired license, but only apply for renewal;

AND WHEREAS applicants for license renewals are unable to meet the requirement for fingerprinting as part of the criminal background check due to police services closing much of their identification units during this state of public health emergency;

AND WHEREAS the processing of license renewals may be suspended due to the absence of licensing clerks during this state of public health emergency; and

AND WHEREAS security services contribute to the public security of Albertans, and are needed to continue operating during this state of public health emergency.

THEREFORE, I, Douglas Schweitzer, Minister responsible for the Act, pursuant to section 52.1(2) of the PHA, do hereby order that:

1. The term of a business licence or an individual licence, subject to section 9 of the *Security Services and Investigators (Ministerial) Regulation*, is dispensed with for the term of this Order allowing businesses and individuals whose licence has expired to:
 - a. Continue to engage in the business of providing individual licensees, or employ or engage an individual licensee, to do or to provide security or investigative work as defined by section 8 of the Act; and
 - a. Continue to engage in security, investigative work or locksmith related work as defined by section 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 of the Act.

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) August 14, 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 15, 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.

2020.

Dated at the City of ^{Calgary} Edmonton, in the Province of Alberta, this ^{27th} day of March,



MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL
OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA