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An Act Respecting Life Partners in Long-term Care

CHAPTER 3
ACTS OF 2020

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
MARCH 10, 2020**

The Honourable Randy Delorey
Minister of Health and Wellness

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 This Act may be cited as the *Life Partners in Long-term Care Act*.

2 In this Act,

(a) “facility” means a nursing home or residential care facility licensed by the Department of Health and Wellness under the *Homes for Special Care Act* and funded by the Department;

(b) “life partner” means either of two individuals who

(i) are married to each other,

(ii) have cohabited with each other in a conjugal relationship for at least one year immediately prior to one of the individuals being placed in a facility,

(iii) are in a domestic partnership with each other within the meaning of Part II of the *Vital Statistics Act*, or

(iv) are deemed by the Minister of Health and Wellness, or the Minister’s delegate, as being in a relationship with each other analogous to a relationship referred to in subclauses (i) to (iii).

3 Where an individual and the individual’s life partner have both been assessed and deemed eligible by the provincial health authority, as defined by the *Health Authorities Act*, for placement in a facility, the individual and the individual’s life partner have the right to be placed in the same facility.

4 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.
