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STATUS OF LEGISLATION

This booklet contains a list of all the bills that were introduced in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly in Fall 2016. This sitting is the Third Session of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly.

A Government Bill is distinguished by designating the portfolio of the Minister who introduced it. A Private Member's Bill (non-Government public bill) or Private or Local Bill is distinguished by giving the constituency of the member who introduced it.

In Nova Scotia, all Government Bills and Private Members' Bills, after receiving second reading, are referred to the Law Amendments Committee unless the House otherwise determines. The only exception to this rule is the appropriations bill which is governed by special rules of the House. All Private or Local Bills, after receiving second reading, are referred to the Committee on Private and Local Bills unless the House otherwise determines.

Where a bill has received Royal Assent, the Chapter number in the 2016 Statutes is given as well as the time of commencement.

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Re-convened	-	December 5, 2016
Adjourned	-	December 5, 2016

BILLS - LEGISLATIVE PROGRESS**Bill 1 Tax-free Zone for Small Business Act
(Income Tax Act - amended)**

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 2 Basic Income Program Feasibility Study Act

Marian Mancini
(Dartmouth South)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 3 Education Fund Protection Act
(Judicature Act - amended)**

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 4 Workers' Compensation for Emergency Responders with
Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Act
(Workers' Compensation Act - amended)**

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville-Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 5 Economic Growth in Nova Scotia, An Act to Ensure

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 6 Environmental Racism Prevention Act

Lenore Zann
(Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 7 Environmental Bill of Rights

Honourable Denise Peterson-Rafuse
(Chester–St. Margaret's)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 8 Public Utilities Act - amended

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 9 Municipal Government Act - amended and
Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - amended**

Lisa Roberts
(Halifax Needham)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 10 School Supplies Tax Credit Act
(Income Tax Act - amended)**

Pat Dunn
(Pictou Centre)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 11 Wills Act - amended

Honourable Sterling Belliveau
(Queens–Shelburne)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 12 Voluntary Blood Donations Act

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 13 Employment Support and Income Assistance Act - amended

Lenore Zann
(Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 14 Affordable Housing Act

Lisa Roberts
(Halifax Needham)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 15 Sales Tax Act - amended

Honourable Sterling Belliveau
(Queens–Shelburne)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 16 Fair Drug Pricing Act - amended

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 17 Dental Health Care for All Nova Scotian Children,
An Act to Provide**

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 18 Labour Standards Code - amended

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

**Bill 19 Affordable Hearing Aids for Seniors Act
(Health Services and Insurance Act - amended and
Insured Health Services Act - amended)**

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 20 Labour Standards Code - amended

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 21 Health Authorities Act - amended

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. October 14, 2016

Bill 22 Halifax Regional Water Commission Act - amended

Honourable Zach Churchill
(Minister of Municipal Affairs)

First Reading. October 18, 2016
 Second Reading October 20, 2016
 Law Amendments Committee November 3, 2016
 Committee of the Whole House November 4, 2016
 Third Reading. November 8, 2016
 Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
 Commencement April 1, 2017
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**Bill 23 Healthier Schools Act
(Education Act - amended)**

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 24 Human Rights Act - amended

Marian Mancini
(Dartmouth South)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 25 Citizen Ballot Initiative Act

Andrew Younger
(Dartmouth East)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 26 Respectful Workplace Week Act

Honourable Chris A. d'Entremont
(Argyle-Barrington)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

**Bill 27 Psychologist Services Tax Credit Act
(Income Tax Act - amended)**

Honourable Chris A. d'Entremont
(Argyle–Barrington)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 28 Strengthening and Preservation of Community Buildings Act

Larry Harrison
(Colchester–Musquodoboit Valley)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 29 Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Act

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

**Bill 30 Cayley's Law
(Youth Secretariat Act - amended)**

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

Bill 31 Lyme Disease Strategy Act

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

**Bill 32 Helping Seniors Stay at Home Act
(Senior Citizens' Financial Aid Act - amended)**

Tim Houston
(Pictou East)

First Reading. October 18, 2016

**Bill 33 Fences and Detention of Stray Livestock Act - amended and
Fences and Impounding of Animals Act - repealed**

Honourable Keith Colwell
(Minister of Agriculture)

First Reading. October 19, 2016
Second Reading October 20, 2016
Law Amendments Committee November 1, 2016
Committee of the Whole House November 3, 2016
Third Reading. November 4, 2016
Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
Commencement Royal Assent
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Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. October 19, 2016

**Bill 35 Gender-Neutral Identification, An Act Respecting
(Health Services and Insurance Act - amended
Insured Health Services Act - amended
Motor Vehicle Act - amended)**

Honourable Denise Peterson-Rafuse
(Chester–St. Margaret's)

First Reading. October 19, 2016

Bill 36 Gaming Control Act - amended

Honourable Mark Furey
(Minister responsible for Part II of the Gaming Control Act)

First Reading October 20, 2016
 Second Reading October 21, 2016
 Law Amendments Committee November 1, 2016
 Committee of the Whole House November 3, 2016
 Third Reading November 4, 2016
 Royal Assent November 10, 2016
 Commencement Royal Assent
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Bill 37 Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary Appreciation Act

Karla MacFarlane
(Pictou West)

First Reading October 20, 2016

Bill 38 Clean Air Act

Karla MacFarlane
(Pictou West)

First Reading October 20, 2016

Bill 39 Elections Act - amended

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading October 21, 2016

Bill 40 Truth and Reconciliation Commitment Act

Lenore Zann
(Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River)

First Reading October 21, 2016

Bill 41 Residential Tenancies Act - amended

Honourable Mark Furey
(Minister of Service Nova Scotia)

First Reading. October 21, 2016
 Second Reading October 25, 2016
 Law Amendments Committee November 1, 2016
 Committee of the Whole House November 3, 2016
 Third Reading. November 4, 2016
 Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
 Commencement:
 Sections 2 to 4 Proclamation
 the remainder Royal Assent
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**Bill 42 Hearing Aids for Low-income Seniors Act
(Health Services and Insurance Act - amended and
Insured Health Services Act - amended)**

Karla MacFarlane
(Pictou West)

First Reading. October 21, 2016

**Bill 43 Municipal Restructuring (2016) Act
(Municipal Government Act - amended)**

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. October 21, 2016

**Bill 44 Maintenance Enforcement Act - amended
(Motor Vehicle Act - amended)**

Honourable Diana C. Whalen
(Attorney General and Minister of Justice)

First Reading. October 25, 2016
 Second Reading October 27, 2016
 Law Amendments Committee November 1, 2016

Committee of the Whole House November 3, 2016
 Third Reading November 4, 2016
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Bill 45 Municipal Government Act - amended

Karla MacFarlane
 (Pictou West)

First Reading October 25, 2016

Bill 46 Community Colleges Act - amended

Honourable Sterling Belliveau
 (Queens–Shelburne)

First Reading October 25, 2016

**Bill 47 Halifax Rifles Armoury Association,
 An Act to Incorporate - repealed**

Iain Rankin
 (Timberlea–Prospect)

First Reading October 25, 2016
 Second Reading October 27, 2016
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 Committee of the Whole House November 3, 2016
 Third Reading November 4, 2016
 Royal Assent November 10, 2016
 Commencement Royal Assent
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Bill 48 Municipal Government Act - amended

Karla MacFarlane
 (Pictou West)

First Reading October 25, 2016

Bill 49 Employment Support and Income Assistance Act - amended

Marian Mancini
(Dartmouth South)

First Reading. October 26, 2016

Bill 50 Safer Universities and Colleges Act

Lenore Zann
(Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River)

First Reading. October 27, 2016

Bill 51 Cape Breton Regional Municipality Viability Study Act

Lisa Roberts
(Halifax Needham)

First Reading. October 28, 2016

Bill 52 Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - amended

Honourable Zach Churchill
(Minister of Municipal Affairs)

First Reading. November 1, 2016
 Second Reading November 3, 2016
 Law Amendments Committee November 8, 2016
 Committee of the Whole House November 9, 2016
 Third Reading. November 10, 2016
 Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
 Commencement Royal Assent
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Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

Bill 54 Environment Act - amended

Honourable Denise Peterson-Rafuse
(Chester–St. Margaret's)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

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Honourable Randy Delorey
(Minister of Finance and Treasury Board)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

Second Reading November 3, 2016

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Third Reading. November 9, 2016

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Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

**Bill 57 Dignity for Victims of Sexual Violence Act
(Victims' Rights and Services Act - amended)**

Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

Bill 58 Mental Health Court Expansion Act

John Lohr
(Kings North)

First Reading. November 1, 2016

**Bill 59 Accessibility Act
(Disabled Persons' Commission Act - repealed)**

Honourable Joanne Bernard
(Minister of Community Services)

First Reading. November 2, 2016
Second Reading November 3, 2016

Bill 60 Public Interest Disclosure of Wrongdoing Act - amended

Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. November 2, 2016
Second Reading November 8, 2016
Committee of the Whole House November 9, 2016
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Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
Commencement Royal Assent
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(Construction Projects Labour-management
Relations Act - repealed)**

Honourable Kelly Regan
(Minister of Labour and Advanced Education)

First Reading. November 2, 2016
Second Reading November 3, 2016
Law Amendments Committee November 8, 2016
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Royal Assent. November 10, 2016
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**Bill 62 Municipal Government Act - amended and
Halifax Regional Municipality Charter - amended**

Honourable Zach Churchill
(Minister of Municipal Affairs)

First Reading. November 3, 2016
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Honourable Chris A. d'Entremont
(Argyle–Barrington)

First Reading. November 3, 2016

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Andrew Younger
(Dartmouth East)

First Reading. November 3, 2016

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Honourable Sterling Belliveau
(Queens–Shelburne)

First Reading. November 4, 2016

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Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. November 8, 2016

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Honourable Pat Dunn
(Pictou Centre)

First Reading. November 8, 2016

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Honourable David A. Wilson
(Sackville–Cobequid)

First Reading. November 8, 2016

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Honourable Denise Peterson-Rafuse
(Chester–St. Margaret's)

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Karla MacFarlane
(Pictou West)

First Reading. November 9, 2016

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Honourable Pat Dunn
(Pictou Centre)

First Reading. November 10, 2016

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Lenore Zann
(Truro–Bible Hill–Millbrook–Salmon River)

First Reading. November 10, 2016

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John Lohr
(Kings North)

First Reading. November 10, 2016

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Honourable Jamie Baillie
(Cumberland South)

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