

March 2010 Legislative Updates

JURISDICTION	PARLIAMENT	BILL #	TITLE	GOVERNMENT/ MEMBERS BILL	STATUS	EXPLANATORY NOTE
<u>New Brunswick</u>	56th Legislature – 4th Session	24	<i>An Act to Amend the Human Rights Act</i>	Member - Alward	First Reading – December 16, 2009	This Bill proposes to add the following phrase to the preamble of the <i>Human Rights Act</i> : “WHEREAS the quality and continuity of human rights are measured by the environment they operate in; and”.
		25	<i>An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act</i>	Member - Alward	Second Reading – December 17, 2009	This Bill amends the <i>Motor Vehicle Act</i> to extend the period of suspension of a license from twenty four to one hundred and twenty hours when a driver has a blood alcohol limit of 0.05.
		29	<i>An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act</i>	Member - Urquhart	<u>Royal Assent – April 16, 2010</u>	This Bill makes it an offence not to slow down and/or yield to an emergency vehicle with producing intermittent flashes of red light or red and blue light. The penalty for a first offence may result in a fine of not less than \$400 and not more than \$2,000; for a subsequent offence, a fine of not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$4,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than six months, or both.
		31	<i>An Act to Amend the Civil Service Act</i>	Government - Brewer	<u>Royal Assent – April 16, 2010</u>	This Bill would amend the <i>Civil Service Act</i> to allow for students to be bridged into permanent positions only if they had a previous four months of continuous service.
		35	<i>An Act to Amend the Public Service Labour Relations Act</i>	Government - Brewer	<u>Royal Assent – April 16, 2010</u>	This Bill changes the definition of employee to include summer students intending to return to post secondary studies, co-op students, and persons employed as part of an employment development program. It also alters the definition of casual employee and clarifies that no collective agreement should have the effect of giving a casual employee permanent employee status. The Bill also includes subsequent necessary amendments to the Act to give effect throughout to these new provisions.
		<u>54</u>	<u>An Act to Amend the Motor Vehicle Act</u>	<u>Government – Foran</u>	<u>Royal Assent – April 16, 2010</u>	<u>This Bill changes the driving suspension period from twenty-four hours to seven days in situations where a driver is shown to have more than the legal limit of alcohol in his or her system.</u>