

March 2010 Legislative Updates

JURISDICTION	PARLIAMENT	BILL #	TITLE	GOVERNMENT/M EMBERS BILL	STATUS	EXPLANATORY NOTE
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> Legislature – 3rd Session	80	<i>The Construction Industry Labour Relations Amendment Act, 2009</i>	Government - Norris	Second Reading - May 13, 2009	The Bill would allow a trade union to organize a company on a multi-trade or “all employee” basis, as well as on a craft or single trade basis. It would allow any trade union to certify an employer. It would also allow employers to choose the REO it wishes to represent them, or allow an employer operating outside of an REO to negotiate a collective agreement for the duration of a specific project. The Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board would be given the authority to investigate complaints that a union had abandoned its bargaining rights, and the right to revoke a union’s certification on the basis of an abandonment claim. <b>The provision prohibiting a unionized employer from creating a non-union “spin-off” company will remain in the Act.</b>
		128	<i>The Miscellaneous Statutes (Labour Mobility) Amendment Act, 2009</i>	Government - Norris	– <b>Second Reading – April 14, 2010</b>	This Bill amends a number of statutes to allow for certain professionals to qualify to work in Saskatchewan provided they have qualified to do so in another Canadian jurisdiction.
		<b>Bill 136</b>	<b><u>The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan Act</u></b>	<b>Government - Huyghebaert</b>	<b><u>First Reading – April 15, 2010</u></b>	<b><u>This Bill establishes the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan as a not-for-profit corporation that is charged with providing, in accordance with a safety standards agreement, regulatory, enforcement and advisory services respecting regulated work and carrying out any duties and exercise any powers pursuant to a safety statute that are given to it in this Act and in a safety standards agreement.</u></b>  <b><u>The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan will have the power to:</u></b>  <b><u>(a) enter into agreements with any government, person, agency, organization, institution or other body inside or outside Saskatchewan for any purpose that it considers expedient or desirable in the exercise of its powers or the performance of its responsibilities pursuant to this Act;</u></b>  <b><u>(b) charge a fee established in its bylaws for any service it provides and for any matter governed by a safety statute;</u></b>  <b><u>(c) purchase, lease or otherwise acquire any real or personal property;</u></b>  <b><u>(d) sell, lease or otherwise dispose of its property;</u></b>  <b><u>(e) accept grants, donations, gifts and bequests of any property and, subject to the terms of the grant, donation, gift or bequest, sell or otherwise dispose of that property;</u></b>  <b><u>(f) accept moneys appropriated by the Legislature;</u></b>  <b><u>(g) establish bylaws that are consistent with its purposes, this Act and the regulations;</u></b>  <b><u>(h) establish and operate any facility, enterprise, program or undertaking that it considers conducive to the exercise of its powers or the performance of its responsibilities pursuant to this Act and charge any fee required for the operation of any facility, enterprise, program or undertaking permitted pursuant to this Act;</u></b>

(i) carry on its activities inside or outside Saskatchewan; and

(j) do all those things that it considers necessary, incidental or conducive to the carrying out of its purposes.

The Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan shall also establish bylaws respecting the following matters:

(a) establishing a process for making appointments as members of the authority;

(b) establishing a rate of remuneration and rate of reimbursement for expenses for members of the board;

(c) establishing the amount of a fee for any service it provides or respecting any matter governed by a safety statute.