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No. 69

An Act to amend *The Legal Profession Act, 1990* and to make a consequential amendment to *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*

(Assented to)

HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

PART 1
Short Title

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1 This Act may be cited as *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2026*.

PART 2
The Legal Profession Act, 1990

SS 1990-91, c L-10.1 amended

2 *The Legal Profession Act, 1990* is amended in the manner set forth in this Part.

Section 6 amended

3 Clause 6(4)(b) is amended by striking out "he or she**" and substituting "**the bencher**".**

Section 10 amended

4 Section 10 is amended:

(a) in the portion preceding clause (a) by striking out "articled**";**

(b) in clause (d) by striking out "examinations**" and substituting "**assessments**";**

(c) in clause (k) by striking out "law**" wherever it appears;**

(d) by repealing clause (k.1) and substituting the following:

"(k.1) for the purposes of section 31:

(i) exempting persons and classes of persons from the prohibition against the unauthorized practice of law and, as a condition of the exemption, requiring any exempted person or class of exempted persons to comply with any term or condition; and

(ii) establishing rules that apply to agents providing legal services**";**

(e) by adding the following clause after clause (p.1):

"(p.2) establishing criteria and procedures for health intervention action taken pursuant to section 34.21**";**

(f) in subclause (q)(i) by adding "or disqualification**" after "**suspension**"; and**

(g) in subclause (r)(ii) by striking out "whose articles have been terminated**" and substituting "**whose articles were not completed**".**

Section 14 amended

5 Subsection 14(7) is amended by striking out "he or she**" and substituting "**the person**".**

Section 24 amended

6 Clause 24(1.1)(a) is amended by striking out "registration**" and substituting "**admission**".**

Section 31 amended

7 Section 31 is amended:

(a) in clause (a) by striking out the portion preceding subclause (i) and substituting the following:

"a student-at-law who, while serving under articles:**";**

(b) by striking out "or**" after clause (h); and**

(c) by adding the following after clause (h):

"(h.1) a person who seeks to routinely provide legal services as an agent pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, or a regulation made pursuant to an Act or an Act of the Parliament of Canada, but only if the person:

(i) complies with any rules that apply to agents providing legal services;

(ii) agrees to provide legal services in accordance with any conditions and restrictions imposed by the benchers on agents; and

(iii) meets any other prescribed criteria; or**".**

New Part IV heading

8 The heading to Part IV is struck out and the following substituted:

"PART IV
Competency, Discipline and Ability to Practise".

Section 34.2 amended

9 Subsection 34.2(1) is amended by striking out "he or she**" and substituting "**the person**".**

New section 34.21

10 The following section is added after section 34.2:

"Health intervention

34.21(1) Every health intervention committee and every health intervention review panel shall be established in accordance with the rules.

(2) If, after receiving a referral, a health intervention committee has reasonable grounds to believe that a member may be suffering from a physical or mental ailment, an emotional disturbance or a substance use disorder that impairs the member's ability to practise and causes the continued practice in the profession by the member to constitute a danger to the public, the health intervention committee may do all or any of the following:

(a) direct the member to submit to a physical or mental examination, or both, by a person or at a facility specified by the health intervention committee;

(b) request the person or facility conducting the examination of the member to report, with written reasons and within a time specified by the health intervention committee, to:

(i) the health intervention committee; and

(ii) the member;

(c) impose conditions on the member's licence, or suspend the member's licence, for the period required to complete the actions undertaken pursuant to this section.

(3) If action has been taken pursuant to clause (2)(c) concerning a member, the health intervention committee:

(a) may cancel or amend a condition or cancel the suspension to allow the member to resume practice if the health intervention committee is satisfied, on the member's application, that the member can resume practice without constituting a danger to the public;

(b) may delay any investigation mentioned in section 40;

(c) shall, at the completion of any action undertaken pursuant to this section, refer the matter back to the source of the referral for completion of any outstanding processes; or

(d) may maintain the conditions or suspension if the health intervention committee continues to be satisfied that an impaired ability to practise constitutes a danger to the public.

(4) If a health intervention committee imposes conditions or a suspension pursuant to this section, the member may, in accordance with the rules, request a *de novo* hearing before a health intervention review panel and, if such a request is made, the hearing must be commenced within 15 days after the request.

(5) Failure by a member to submit to an examination directed pursuant to subsection (2) or to comply with a condition or suspension imposed on the member pursuant to subsection (2) is professional misconduct within the meaning of this Act**".**

Section 59 amended

11 Section 59 is amended by striking out ", a person required to serve under articles**".**

Section 63 amended

12 Clause 63(4)(b) is amended by striking out "chairperson of the discipline committee**" and substituting "**society or the court**".**

Section 83 amended

13 Clause 83(b) is amended by striking out "an articled**" and substituting "**a**".**

Section 84.1 amended

14 Clause 84.1(1)(a) is amended by striking out ", a person required to serve under articles**".**

PART 3
The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990

SS 1990-91, c S-63.1, new section 2.1

15 The following section is added after section 2 of *The Summary Offences Procedure Act, 1990*:

"Acting as agent

2.1 A person who provides legal services as an agent for the purposes of this Act must comply with *The Legal Profession Act, 1990***".**

PART 4
Coming into Force

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16 This Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

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Received and read the

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And passed

Honourable Tim McLeod

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The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
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