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An Act respecting Red Tape Reduction and Accountability

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(Assented to)

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

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Red Tape Reduction and Accountability Act*.

Definitions

2 In this Act:

"Crown" means the Crown in right of Saskatchewan;

"Crown corporation" means a Crown corporation as defined in *The Crown Corporations Act, 1993*;

"minister" means the member of the Executive Council to whom for the time being the administration of this Act is assigned;

"prescribed" means prescribed in the regulations;

"regulatory burden" means, subject to the regulations, a cost that may be measured in terms of money, time or resources and is considered by the minister to be unnecessary to achieve the purpose of the requirement of the regulation that creates the cost;

"regulatory requirement" means:

(a) a regulation as defined in Part 4 of *The Legislation Act*; or

(b) any prescribed information or procedure that is administered or required by the Government of Saskatchewan;

"report" means the report prepared pursuant to subsection 11(1);

"reporting period" means the period commencing on April 1 in one year and ending on March 31 in the following year.

Act binds the Crown

3 This Act binds the Crown.

Minister's responsibilities

4(1) The minister is responsible for matters related to red tape reduction and regulatory modernization within the Government of Saskatchewan.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), the responsibilities of the minister include:

(a) developing mechanisms to integrate red tape reduction and regulatory modernization considerations into government decision-making processes;

(b) coordinating policies, programs and activities of the Government of Saskatchewan relating to red tape reduction and regulatory modernization;

(c) making recommendations respecting red tape reduction, regulatory modernization, service improvement and regulatory burden; and

(d) providing any assistance the minister considers appropriate to support ministries, agencies and Crown corporations in reducing red tape and modernizing regulatory requirements.

Minister's powers

5(1) The minister may establish or support committees, working groups and other collaborative bodies for the purpose of advancing red tape reduction and regulatory modernization across government.

(2) The minister may develop and support initiatives that improve the transparency, accessibility, efficiency and accountability of regulatory requirements, permits, licences, approvals and related government services.

(3) Ministries, agencies and Crown corporations shall support government-wide red tape reduction and regulatory modernization initiatives in accordance with this Act, the regulations and any direction that the Lieutenant Governor in Council may provide from time to time.

Reporting re regulatory modernization

6 Ministries, agencies and Crown corporations shall compile information respecting the following and provide it to the minister, in accordance with the regulations:

(a) activities undertaken and measurable results achieved in reducing red tape and modernizing regulatory requirements;

(b) estimated regulatory costs or savings and other measurable impacts, if applicable;

(c) service improvements resulting from regulatory modernization initiatives, including improvements to permits, licences, approvals or other regulatory processes, if applicable;

(d) progress in implementing government-wide priorities related to red tape reduction and regulatory modernization;

(e) any other prescribed information.

Information relating to regulatory requirements

7(1) Each ministry shall ensure that the prescribed information regarding the number of compliance requirements is compiled and provided to the minister with respect to:

(a) business-related regulations; and

(b) any other regulatory requirements, sectors or priority areas identified by the minister.

(2) The information described in subsection (1) must be provided in the form and manner required by the minister for the purposes of this Act and the report.

Consideration of stakeholder feedback and regulatory burden

8 Ministries, agencies and Crown corporations shall establish processes, appropriate to their respective mandates:

(a) to consider stakeholder feedback respecting red tape reduction and regulatory modernization; and

(b) to identify opportunities for reducing regulatory burden.

Regulatory modernization plan, review schedule

9(1) Every ministry, agency and Crown corporation responsible for regulatory requirements shall establish and maintain a regulatory modernization plan or review schedule appropriate to its mandate.

(2) The plan or review schedule mentioned in subsection (1) must:

(a) meet the prescribed requirements; and

(b) provide for the regular consideration of opportunities to reduce regulatory burden or unnecessary administrative requirements and to improve regulatory processes or services.

(3) Each ministry, agency and Crown corporation mentioned in subsection (1) shall provide information respecting its regulatory modernization plan or review schedule and related modernization activities to the minister in the form and manner required by the minister.

(4) The information provided pursuant to subsection (3) shall include progress against the plan or review schedule and, if requested by the minister, reasons for material delays or deferrals.

Measuring costs, impacts of regulatory changes

10(1) A ministry, agency or Crown corporation shall, in accordance with the regulations, measure the costs and impacts associated with proposed regulatory changes.

(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the minister, approve a government-wide methodology by which ministries, agencies and Crown corporations measure the costs and impacts associated with proposed regulatory changes.

(3) The results of the assessment mentioned in subsection (1) must be maintained and reported in accordance with the regulations or any requirements established by the minister.

Minister's annual report

11(1) In accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, the minister shall prepare a report that contains the prescribed information respecting the activities undertaken by the Government of Saskatchewan to reduce red tape and modernize regulations during the reporting period.

(2) In accordance with section 13 of *The Executive Government Administration Act*, the minister shall lay before the Legislative Assembly each report prepared pursuant to subsection (1).

(3) In addition to laying the report before the Legislative Assembly, the minister shall cause the report to be published in a manner that, in the minister's opinion, can reasonably be expected to bring the report to the attention of the public.

Regulations

12 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations:

(a) defining, enlarging or restricting the meaning of any word or expression used in this Act but not defined in this Act;

(b) for the purposes of section 2:

(i) respecting the definition of "regulatory burden"; and

(ii) prescribing information and procedures for the purposes of the definition of "regulatory requirement";

(c) for the purposes of section 6:

(i) respecting the compilation and provision of information by ministries, agencies and Crown corporations; and

(ii) prescribing other information to be compiled and provided;

(d) for the purposes of subsection 7(1), prescribing information to be compiled and provided to the minister;

(e) for the purposes of subsection 9(2), prescribing requirements;

(f) for the purposes of subsection 10(1), respecting the measurement of costs and impacts;

(g) for the purposes of subsection 10(3), respecting the maintenance and reporting of results of assessments;

(h) for the purposes of section 11, prescribing information that must be included in a report;

(i) with respect to any matter governed by this Act:

(i) adopting, as amended from time to time or otherwise, all or any part of any code, standard or guideline;

(ii) amending for the purposes of this Act or the regulations any code, standard or guideline adopted pursuant to subclause (i); and

(iii) requiring compliance with a code, standard or guideline adopted pursuant to subclause (i);

(j) prescribing any matter or thing required or authorized by this Act to be prescribed in the regulations;

(k) respecting any other matter or thing that the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary to carry out the intent of this Act.

SS 2013, c R-16.3 repealed

13 *The Regulatory Modernization and Accountability Act* is repealed.

Coming into force

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

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