

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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No. 34

*An Act to amend *The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act**

Clause of Bill

1 *The Cyberstalking and Coercive Control Act*

2 **Existing Provision**

The Victims of Interpersonal Violence Act

Interpretation

2 In this Act:

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(e.1) “interpersonal violence” means:

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(vi) deprivation of necessities; or

(vii) human trafficking as defined in *The Protection From Human Trafficking Act*;

1994, c.V-6.02, s.2; 2010, c.15, s.8; 2015, c.24,
s.5; 2017, c7, s.3; 2021, c23, s.21; 2024, c4, s.32.

Explanation

The definition of “interpersonal violence” is amended to add two new clauses.

Clause (viii) adds a pattern of coercive or controlling behaviour to the definition of interpersonal violence.

Clause (ix) adds cyberstalking or online harassment to the definition of interpersonal violence.

3 Coming into force.

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