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Health Care

<p>Ali's Law Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Department would be mandated to provide real-time ambulance and emergency room wait times on its website every 15 minutes, broken down by county and hospital. Additionally, monthly reports outlining actual wait times are to be published. Furthermore, the Department must equip all ambulances with GPS tracking devices and create a website for residents to track ambulance locations and estimated response times to emergencies.</p>	267	1	March 22, 2023
<p>Cross-border Emergency Ambulance Services Strategy Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister of Health and Wellness, in collaboration with the Minister of Health for New Brunswick, would develop a cross-border emergency ambulance services strategy. The strategy would ensure that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) emergency service providers located in either the Province or in New Brunswick are authorized to operate in both provinces;(b) emergency service providers can cooperate effectively with one another, irrespective of provincial borders;(c) emergency service providers in the border region can respond quickly to emergencies on either side of the border; and(d) people who live in the border region have timely access to emergency ambulance services.	295	1	April 4, 2023
<p>Diabetes Framework Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister of Health and Wellness would establish a Diabetes Framework aimed at preventing and managing diabetes. Subject to Section 4, the Diabetes Framework would include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) coverage for all diabetes medications under Pharmacare;	245	1	November 1, 2022

<p>(b) the provision of a continuous glucose monitoring system at no cost to the patient if a primary care provider orders it; and</p> <p>(c) diabetic foot care at no cost to a diabetic.</p>			
<p>Emergency "911" Act (amended) Private Member's Bill Would require the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure that emergency calls to 911 from within Nova Scotia go directly to an answering point within Nova Scotia.</p>	166	1	April 13, 2022
<p>Emergency Health Services Act (amended) Private Member's Bill Would require providers of ambulance services to report monthly on key performance indicators</p>	192	1	July 27, 2022
<p>Fair Drug Pricing Act (amended) Private Member's Bill 7A Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or the regulations, (a) no late enrolment penalty; and (b) no copayment, may be charged to persons enrolled in the Seniors' Pharmacare Program with respect to the Program</p>	359	1	October 19, 2023
<p>Fatality Investigations Act (amended) Private Member's Bill (a) requires the Chief Medical Examiner to recommend to the Minister of Justice that a fatality inquiry be held where a death occurs under certain circumstances at a health-care facility and the Chief Medical Examiner determines that it is in the public interest for an inquiry to be held; and (b) requires the Minister to order that a fatality inquiry be held where any death occurs at a health-care facility and the Minister determines that an inquiry into the death is in the public interest or the interest of public safety</p>	293	1	April 3, 2023

<p>Health Authorities Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>ensures qualified leadership of a health-care administrator of a health authority</p>	<p>195</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>July 28, 2022</p>
<p>Health Authorities Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Would amend the Health Authorities Act to (a) give regional hospitals control and management of the recruitment and hiring of medical, nursing and allied health-care professionals and hospital staff; and (b) require regional hospitals to submit a clinical health-services plan to the Minister of Health and Wellness</p>	<p>248</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 2, 2022</p>
<p>Health Authorities Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>These amendments focus on enhancing governance and quality assurance in healthcare. They mandate timely appointment of board members, quality improvement committees, and interprovincial collaboration for health services planning. Additionally, they set criteria for the appointment of the Chief Executive Officer and establish governance structures for regional hospitals.</p>	<p>376</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 25, 2023</p>
<p>Health Care for New and Expectant Mothers Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>(a) initiate a public education program for new and expectant mothers on (i) the prevention of fetal alcohol syndrome, (ii) the prevention of postpartum depression, (iii) breastfeeding, and (iv) pelvic floor therapy;</p> <p>(b) create a support line to help new mothers with postpartum depression; and (c) develop breast milk banks across the Province to assist new mothers with breastfeeding</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 14, 2021</p>

<p>Health Services and Insurance Act (amended) Private Member's Bill Shingles vaccine for 50+</p>	<p>179</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 21, 2022</p>
<p>Health-care Workers' Whistle-blower Protection Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The purpose of this Act is to protect and encourage the disclosure of wrongdoing and matters in the public interest by health-care workers</p>	<p>290</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 30, 2023</p>
<p>Homes for Special Care Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Prohibits the use of public funds to pay for beds that have been empty for more than five days in residential care facilities, homes for the disabled, homes for the aged or nursing homes</p>	<p>291</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 30, 2023</p>
<p>Improved Cancer Care Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister is mandated to establish comprehensive cancer care centers in each regional hospital, providing both virtual and in-person services including screening, diagnosis, chemotherapy, and access to specialists. Additionally, the Minister must ensure portability of cancer treatments, allowing residents near provincial borders to access treatments, like radiation therapy, in neighboring provinces with closer proximity.</p>	<p>252</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 3, 2022</p>
<p>Improving Access to Primary Care with Nurses in Family Practice Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Nurses in family practice are required to deliver collaborative and comprehensive care alongside nurse practitioners and family physicians, covering various aspects including illness prevention, patient education, early screening for conditions like cervical cancer and osteoporosis, and management of chronic diseases such as diabetes and cardiac disease.</p>	<p>251</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 3, 2022</p>

<p>Involuntary Psychiatric Treatment Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Directs the Governor in Council to designate the Cumberland Regional Health Care Centre as a psychiatric facility</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 15, 2021</p>
<p>Maritime Clinical Health Service Strategy Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Maritime Clinical Health Service Strategy Act mandates collaboration between Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island to lobby for equitable federal healthcare funding and establish a maritime health network ensuring seamless access to various healthcare services across provincial borders. Additionally, it requires annual reviews to enhance efficiencies and reduce barriers to healthcare access.</p>	<p>181</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 22, 2022</p>
<p>Maritime Pandemic Health Strategy Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Maritime Pandemic Health Strategy Act mandates the collaborative development of a unified health strategy during pandemics and outbreaks among Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island, ensuring portability of healthcare services and compliance with federal legislation, effective upon enactment once corresponding legislation is established in all Maritime provinces.</p>	<p>41</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 21, 2021</p>
<p>Medical Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The amendment tightens regulations regarding sexual abuse and misconduct in the medical profession, including gender representation on complaint committees and extending waiting periods for reinstatement after sexual misconduct complaints.</p>	<p>45</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 22, 2021</p>
<p>Medical Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>amends the Medical Act to require that, where a complaint to the College of Physicians and Surgeons</p>	<p>249</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 2, 2022</p>

<p>of Nova Scotia involves allegations of sexual assault or sexual misconduct, advance notice be given to the complainant before disclosure is provided to the respondent medical practitioner that could allow the respondent to identify the complainant.</p>			
<p>Medically at-Risk Registry Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister shall create a Medically at-Risk Registry for the purpose of ensuring that, in the event of a power outage, medically at-risk persons are prioritized in re-establishing electricity connection. (2) Any medically at-risk person, or a family member or substitute decision-maker on the person's behalf, may apply to the Minister to have the person and the person's residence entered into the Registry.</p>	<p>380</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 26, 2023</p>
<p>Patient Safety Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>(a) a health authority to maintain a comprehensive and responsive system for receiving, investigating and resolving patient complaints respecting adverse events; and (b) the Minister of Health and Wellness to appoint a patient safety and quality advisory committee. Clause 4 allows the Governor in Council to make regulations prescribing (a) the manner and time frame for investigating and resolving patient complaints respecting adverse events; and (b) activities to be undertaken by the patient safety and quality advisory committee</p>	<p>294</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 3, 2023</p>
<p>Physician Recruitment Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister of Health and Wellness shall hire a private supplier of physician recruitment services to assist the Department of Health and Wellness in the recruitment of medical practitioners to the Province.</p>	<p>247</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 2, 2022</p>

<p>The supplier hired under subsection (1) must have appropriate credentials and a demonstrated history of recruiting success in North America.</p>			
<p>Provincial Ambulance Service Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The purpose of this Act is to improve the delivery of care by, and restore the confidence of Nova Scotians in, ambulance services in the Province by mandating a Strategy that will lead to the creation of a Provincial ambulance service</p>	<p>338</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 13, 2023</p>
<p>Securing Family Physicians for Nova Scotia Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister will assign medical school seats to students committing to four years of family medicine practice in their home region, based on projected needs and regional population. The Minister shall cover tuition and provide an annual wage of \$30,000 to students fulfilling this commitment; failure to comply results in repayment of tuition, wages, plus 10% interest.</p>	<p>425</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 6, 2024</p>

Finance / Economic Development

<p>Buy Maritime First Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Government entities, including departments, schools, hospitals, and correctional facilities, must prioritize purchasing local food items for their operations as per regulations. Additionally, the Premier will work towards eliminating interprovincial barriers to local food trade alongside the Council of Atlantic Premiers.</p>	<p>392</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 31, 2023</p>
<p>Gaming Control Act (am) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>prohibits the display or broadcast of gambling advertisements in places or through mediums, prescribed by the regulations, where persons</p>	<p>300</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 5, 2023</p>

<p>under the age of majority are likely to be influenced by the advertisements; and exempts activities, prescribed by the regulations, aimed at raising funds for a community benefit from gambling advertisement prohibitions.</p>			
<p>Income Tax Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>index the income brackets for the computation of personal income tax to the Consumer Price Index for Canada; and</p>	244	1	November 1, 2022
<p>Income Tax Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>increase the basic personal amount to \$12,510 for the 2024 taxation year; and (b) index the basic personal amount for the 2025 and subsequent taxation years to the Consumer Price Index for Canada.</p>	275	1	March 24, 2023
<p>Tax on Tax Elimination Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Tax Review and Strategic Plan Act mandates the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board to assess and eliminate instances of tax-on-tax scenarios in Nova Scotia, including collaboration with federal counterparts, and considering deductions for property taxes against provincial income tax and eliminating provincial GST on fuel taxes.</p>	355	1	October 18, 2023
<p>Used Vehicles Sales, An Act Respecting Private Member's Bill</p> <p>remove tax on the sale of used vehicles</p>	354	1	October 18, 2023
<p>Nova Scotia Recovery Bonds Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Nova Scotia Recovery Bonds Act allows the issuance of bonds by the Minister of</p>	79	1	November 3, 2021

Finance to aid entrepreneurs in funded initiatives, with interest rates based on economic factors and loan proceeds used to support Nova Scotia's recovery efforts, up to a total face value of \$10,000,000.			
<p>Assessment Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>limits the increase in the taxable assessed value of qualified properties to the lesser of 2.5% and the increase in the Consumer Price Index for Nova Scotia.</p>	175	1	April 20, 2022
<p>Maritime Coalition Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The purpose of this Act is to mandate the creation of a coalition with New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island to enhance regional strength, boost economic activity, collaborate on healthcare, align transportation laws, remove trade barriers, address environmental issues, and plan energy development collectively.</p>	441	1	March 21, 2024
<p>Finance Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>(a) the Minister of Finance and Treasury Board to table a report on supplementary warrants and appropriations made in a fiscal year; and</p>	418	1	March 1, 2024

Community Services / Justice

<p>Sexual Assault Victim Whistleblower Protection Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Act would mandate the establishment of a code of conduct for handling sexual assault disclosures, ensuring victim confidentiality, and providing online and mobile reporting options. It prohibits reprisals against victims and outlines procedures for addressing and investigating complaints of retaliation.</p>	285	1	March 29, 2023
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<p>Sexual Assault Victims Support Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Law enforcement agencies are required to establish policies for handling sexual assault complaints, provide mandatory education on sexual assault to new and existing officers, ensure supportive communication with victims, and submit all evidence from sexual assault cases to the Director of Public Prosecutions for charge determination.</p>	<p>243</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 1, 2022</p>
<p>Provincial Court Act (amended) Private Member's Bill - Keira's Law</p> <p>This section mandates the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia to create educational courses for judges focusing on sexual assault law, intimate partner violence, coercive control, and social context, with provisions for consultation and reporting.</p>	<p>361</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 20, 2023</p>
<p>Protection of Children from Abusing Drugs Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Protection of Children from Abusing Drugs Act would mandate measures to help children abusing drugs by allowing parents or guardians to seek court orders for their confinement in protective safe houses, where they can be assessed and treated.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 13, 2021</p>
<p>Non-disclosure Agreement Prohibition Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Act defines key terms related to sexual assault and harassment within political parties and prohibits respondents and responsible parties from entering into non-disclosure agreements with complainants.</p>	<p>278</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 28, 2023</p>
<p>Juries Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill sets the fees a juror is entitled to at not less than \$100 per day.</p>	<p>302</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 5, 2023</p>
<p>Emergency Management Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p>	<p>158</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 12, 2022</p>

<p>This Bill</p> <p>(a) provides that the Emergency Management Office is responsible for ensuring that emergency alerts are issued in appropriate cases by the appropriate authorities; and</p> <p>(b) provides for the issuance of emergency alerts to Nova Scotians for emergencies in another province near the Nova Scotia border.</p>			
<p>Emergency Management Act (amended)</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill provides that a state of emergency may only be renewed with the unanimous consent of the House of Assembly or by an Act of the Legislature.</p>	<p>167</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 13, 2022</p>
<p>Emergency "911" Act (amended)</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill would require the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to ensure that emergency calls to 911 from within Nova Scotia go directly to an answering point within Nova Scotia.</p>	<p>166</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>April 13, 2022</p>
<p>Adult Protection Act (amended)</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill requires the Minister of Community Services to:</p> <p>(a) maintain a record respecting reports that an adult is in need of protection; and</p> <p>(b) prepare and table an annual report respecting such record.</p>	<p>34</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 20, 2021</p>
<p>Free Well-water Testing Act</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Free Well-water Testing Act would mandate free annual testing of well water for residents of Nova Scotia, covering a comprehensive list of potential contaminants, to ensure safe drinking and bathing water.</p>	<p>438</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 20, 2024</p>
<p>Police Act (amended)</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill would require the Minister of Justice to provide sufficient funding to municipalities or police agencies such that on-duty policing is provided 24 hours per day in every area of Nova Scotia.</p>	<p>431</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 7, 2024</p>

<p>Justice System Improvement Act</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Justice System Improvement Act would mandate increased funding for appointing more judges and hiring additional Crown attorneys to expedite case processing in the Provincial Court of Nova Scotia.</p>	429	1	March 7, 2024
<p>Addictions Services Access Act</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Addictions Services Access Act Would mandate 24/7 operation of Outpatient Withdrawal Management clinics, adding counseling and holistic treatments, with an assessment of clinic needs due by September 1, 2024.</p>	426	1	March 6, 2024

Environment

<p>Chignecto Isthmus Act</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The mandate of the task force must be to ensure that collaborative measures are taken to properly identify and remedy issues in the Chignecto Isthmus, including respecting infrastructure needs, climate change, storm and emergency preparedness, safe travel and the transportation of goods.</p>	73	1	October 29, 2021
<p>Commercial Greenhouses and Vertical Farming Act</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>The Minister of Agriculture shall create a program to provide incentives to support the building of commercial greenhouses and to convert existing greenhouses to use geothermal energy or wood chips for heat generation.</p>	393	1	October 31, 2023
<p>Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act (amended) and the Wildlife Act (amended)</p> <p>Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill amends the Fisheries and Coastal Resources Act and the Wildlife Act to allow veterans of the Canadian Armed Forces to hunt in the Province and angle and fish recreationally in Provincial waters without needing to obtain a licence or pay a fee.</p>	347	1	October 17, 2023

Greenhouse Rebate Act Private Member's Bill The purpose of this Act is to provide a rebate to defray the capital cost of purchasing a greenhouse by an individual for the individual's personal use.	180	1	April 22, 2022
Stop Burying Plastic Act Private Member's Bill 1 This Act may be cited as the Stop Burying Plastic Act. 2 The Government's goal is to eliminate the practice of burying plastic in the ground in the Province. 3 (1) Subject to subsection (2), with a view to achieving the goal outlined in Section 2, the Government shall complete or commission a feasibility study on using plastic waste to create energy. (2) The money required for the purpose of this Act must be paid out of money appropriated for that purpose by the Legislature.	250	1	November 2, 2022
Free Heat-pump Program Act Private Member's Bill This would provide for households within an income under \$100,000 to be eligible for a free heat pump	449	1	March 26, 2024

Education

Education Act (amended) Private Member's Bill Provides school principals with the exclusive authority to make weather-related school closure decisions.	448	1	March 22, 2024
Community Use of Public School Facilities Act Private Member's Bill The Act mandates the Minister to develop a policy governing public school facility use, standardizing procedures, minimizing fees for community groups, and designating community members for facility maintenance.	446	1	March 22, 2024
Local School Boards Act Private Member's Bill	443	1	March 22, 2024

<p>3 The Minister shall commission a School Board Reintroduction Report to determine an effective system of oversight by school boards at the county level.</p> <p>4 The Report must address</p> <p>(a) the number of school boards required for the Province;</p> <p>(b) the location of each school board;</p> <p>(c) the composition of a school board, including the number of members and representation of under-represented groups in its county; and</p> <p>(d) the powers, duties and responsibilities of a school board.</p>			
<p>Educational Assistants and Substitute Teachers Remuneration Act Private Member's Bill</p> <p>2 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that the remuneration of educational assistants and substitute teachers in the Province is on par with the highest levels of remuneration for those positions in the Maritime provinces.</p>	436	1	March 19, 2024

Other:

<p>Amherst Curling Club, An Act to Incorporate the (amended) Private and Local Bill</p>	239	R A	November 9, 2022
<p>Elections Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>This Bill makes the provisions in the Elections Act respecting Electoral District Associations and tax receipts applicable to independent candidates as if they were a registered party</p>	253	1	November 3, 2022
<p>House of Assembly Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>provides that the House of Assembly's workplace harassment prevention and resolution policy must</p> <p>(a) require each person to whom the policy applies to begin receiving ongoing in-person education and</p>	281	1	March 28, 2023

<p>training respecting harassment in the workplace within six months of becoming a person to whom the policy applies;</p> <p>(b) not include a time limitation respecting when a complaint must be made or filed;</p> <p>(c) provide a clear statement that sexual assault is a crime and guidelines as to what constitutes sexual assault under the Criminal Code; and</p> <p>(d) require any sexual assault complaint to immediately be reported to the proper authorities by the Speaker of the House.</p>			
<p>Motor Vehicle Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>Clause 1 requires vehicles operated by employees of the Department of Public Works or a municipality to be treated as other emergency vehicles when the vehicles are stopped on a roadway or a shoulder adjacent to the roadway and exhibiting flashing lights.</p> <p>Clause 2 allows service, repair or towing vehicles to display red light visible from directly in front of the vehicle and to be equipped to show flashing or revolving red and amber lights in all directions.</p>	<p>371</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>October 24, 2023</p>
<p>Motor Vehicle Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>(a) allows the Minister of Public Works, the Provincial Traffic Authority and municipal traffic authorities to designate an area on a highway as a high population density area and reduce the speed limit in that area to no lower than 25 kilometres per hour; and</p> <p>(b) prohibits drivers from exceeding the speed limit in high population density areas</p>	<p>400</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>November 7, 2023</p>
<p>Public Procurement Act (amended) Private Member's Bill</p> <p>creates an office of a Medical Procurement Officer who is responsible for a new Clinical Procurement Office.</p>	<p>286</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>March 29, 2023</p>

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