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# Bill 140

**An Act to amend the City of Ottawa Act, 1999 in respect of bilingualism**

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**Private Member's Bill**

1st Reading      May 31, 2017

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



**An Act to amend the City of Ottawa Act, 1999 in respect of bilingualism****Preamble**

The City of Ottawa is the capital of Canada, a bilingual country that has English and French as its two official languages.

The City of Ottawa has a by-law that recognizes its bilingual character and has adopted a languages policy to provide services in the two official languages and recognizes both official languages as having the same rights, status and privileges.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

**1 Section 11.1 of the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999* is repealed and the following substituted:**

**BILINGUALISM****Bilingualism**

**11.1** (1) The city's bilingual character is recognized.

**By-law respecting use of English and French languages**

(2) The city shall pass a by-law under subsection 14 (1) of the *French Language Services Act*.

**Same, board of health**

(3) The by-law applies with respect to the administration of the board of health and the provision of services by the board.

**Scope and content of by-law**

(4) The scope and content of the by-law shall be as determined by the city.

**Existing by-law**

(5) For greater certainty, City of Ottawa By-law No. 2001-170 (Bilingualism) meets the requirement of subsection (2).

**Commencement**

**2 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.**

**Short title**

**3 The short title of this Act is the *City of Ottawa Amendment Act (Bilingualism), 2017*.**

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**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

The Bill amends the *City of Ottawa Act, 1999*. It recognizes Ottawa's bilingual character. It requires Ottawa to make a by-law for bilingual administration and services. It clarifies that an existing Ottawa by-law respecting bilingualism is such a by-law.