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Bill 291

**An Act to amend the Anti-Racism Act, 2017
with respect to anti-Asian racism and hate crimes**

Co-sponsors:

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Private Members' Bill

1st Reading May 11, 2021

2nd Reading

3rd Reading

Royal Assent



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with respect to anti-Asian racism and hate crimes**

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

1 The Preamble to the *Anti-Racism Act, 2017* is amended by adding “anti-Asian racism” after “anti-Black racism”.

2 (1) Subsection 2 (2) of the Act is amended by adding the following paragraph:

2.1 Initiatives to reduce the incidence of hate crimes.

(2) Subsection 2 (4) of the Act is amended by adding “anti-Asian racism” after “anti-Black racism”.

3 (1) Subsection 4 (3) of the Act is amended by adding “Asian” after “Black”.

(2) Subsection 4 (5) of the Act is amended by adding “anti-Asian racism” after “anti-Black racism”.

4 Subsection 5 (2) of the Act is amended by adding “Asian” after “Black”.

Commencement

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

Short title

6 The short title of this Act is the *Anti-Racism Amendment Act (Anti-Asian Racism and Incidents of Hate), 2021*.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Bill amends several provisions in the *Anti-Racism Act, 2017* to include anti-Asian racism alongside other prominent examples of racism that are subject to the Act. The amendments require the Minister responsible for the Act to consult with members and representatives of the Asian community on the anti-racism strategy.

The Bill also requires the Government of Ontario to include initiatives to reduce the incidence of hate crimes in its anti-racism strategy.