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Bill 78

An Act to amend the Police Services Act

Mr. M. Harris

Private Member's Bill

1st Reading December 8, 2021

2nd Reading February 24, 2022

3rd Reading

Royal Assent

*(Reprinted as amended by the Standing Committee on Justice Policy
and as reported to the Legislative Assembly April 13, 2022)*

(The provisions in this Bill will be renumbered after 3rd Reading)



This reprint of the Bill is marked to indicate the changes that were made in Committee.

The changes are indicated by underlines for new text and a ~~striketrough~~ for deleted text.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

~~The *Police Services Act* is amended to provide that municipal police officers and First Nations Constables may be named to the rank of commissioned officers.~~

The *Police Services Act* is amended to allow the Lieutenant Governor in Council to authorize the issue of a commission under the Great Seal to municipal police officers and First Nations Constables.

An Act to amend the Police Services Act

Preamble

The Queen's Commission is an award of recognition granted to police officers for exemplary performance of their duties. Under existing legislation, only police officers serving with the Ontario Provincial Police qualify for the Queen's Commission.

The *Police Services Amendment Act, 2022* will provide that the Queen's Commission may be granted to exceptional municipal police officers and First Nations Constables, thereby honouring those officers who demonstrate leadership consistent with seeking justice, applying the law, respecting human dignity, and upholding the democratic principles which sustain our society.

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

~~1 Section 38 of the *Police Services Act* is amended by adding the following subsection:~~

~~Commissioned officers~~

~~(2) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may name municipal police officers to the rank of commissioned officers and may authorize the issue of commissions to them under the Great Seal.~~

1 The *Police Services Act* is amended by adding the following section:

Commissioned municipal police officers

45.1 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the issue of a commission under the Great Seal to a municipal police officer who has achieved a prescribed rank.

~~2 Section 54 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsection:~~

~~Commissioned officers~~

~~(9) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may name First Nations Constables to the rank of commissioned officers and may authorize the issue of commissions to them under the Great Seal.~~

2 Section 54 of the Act is amended by adding the following subsections:

Commissioned First Nations Constable officers

(9) Subject to subsection (10), the Lieutenant Governor in Council may authorize the issue of a commission under the Great Seal to a First Nations Constable who has achieved a prescribed rank.

Consultation

(10) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may not authorize the issue of a commission under the Great Seal to a First Nations Constable whose specified duties relate to a reserve without first consulting with the police governing authority or band council that approved the Constable's appointment.

Commencement

~~3 This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.~~

Commencement

3 This Act comes into force on a day to be named by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor.

Short title

4 The short title of this Act is the *Police Services Amendment Act, 2022*.