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BILL M 203

**FREE TRADE AND MOBILITY
WITHIN CANADA ACT**

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Explanatory Note

This Bill provides for the removal of interprovincial trade barriers between British Columbia and the other provinces and territories of Canada.

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HIS MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

Purpose

- 1 The purpose of this Act is to remove all barriers to trade in goods, services and investment between the provinces and territories of Canada.

This act prevails

- 2 If a provision of this Act is inconsistent or in conflict with a provision of another enactment, the provision of this Act prevails.

Reciprocating province or territory

- 3 (1) In this section, “**reciprocating province or territory**” means another province or territory of Canada that, as determined by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, has in force legislation similar to and corresponding with this Act or that has taken other satisfactory steps.
(2) The Province will not apply any party-specific exceptions as outlined in the Canadian Free Trade Agreement with respect to a reciprocating province or territory.
(3) All goods manufactured or produced in a reciprocating province or territory that have met the requisite standards and approvals of that jurisdiction shall be treated as if those goods were manufactured or produced in the Province and shall not be subject to any additional fees or testing by the Province due to the goods having been manufactured or produced in another province or territory.
(4) All service providers and licensees that have met the requisite standards and approvals for licensing or certification in a reciprocating province or territory shall be treated, with regard to the equivalent licence or certification in the Province, as if the service provider or licensee was licensed or certified in the Province and shall not be subject to any additional licensing or certification requirements.

- (5) All licensing authorities and bodies of the Province shall, to allow a smooth transition, cooperate with the licensing authorities and bodies of a reciprocating province or territory by waiving any requirement for registration or licensing, or renewal of registration or licensing, for any service provider or licensee seeking to do business in the Province who is registered or licensed in the reciprocating province or territory and who is in good standing in that jurisdiction.

No cause of action

- 4 (1) Subject to subsection (2), no cause of action and no legal proceeding lies or may be brought or continued against the Province or another person to enforce or determine a right or obligation that is claimed or arises solely under or by virtue of this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to a proceeding that is provided for under Chapter 10 of the Canadian Free Trade Agreement.

Regulations

- 5 The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations respecting any matter or thing the Lieutenant Governor in Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out the intent or purpose of this Act.

Commencement

- 6 This Act comes into force on the date of Royal Assent.