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Legislation on Limited Licences: Learn How to Share Your Thoughts with the Government

As shared with you in an email last week, the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) has introduced <u>Bill 157</u>, <u>Enhancing Access to Justice Act</u>, 2023, which includes changes to the OAA's prevailing legislation, the <u>Architects Act</u>. These amendments would allow the OAA to issue limited licences in the architectural discipline, and create the title "Licensed Technologist" for those holding such status or Certificate of Practice. It would also help lead the way to the return of the OAA Technology Program.

Having now passed through Second Reading in the legislature, the Bill is with the provincial government's **Standing Committee on Justice Policy**. It will hold public hearings on **February 21 and 22**, and is also accepting written submissions up until **6 p.m. on February 22**.

The OAA encourages former LicTechOAAs and those who were participants in the OAA Technology Program to voice their support to the Committee directly. To learn more, visit the <u>Legislative Assembly of Ontario Website</u>.

The Association has also requested a time to address the Committee directly, and will be making a written submission. In the interim, it has issued a **detailed briefing note** to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) in keeping with the ongoing efforts to ensure decision-makers have accurate information.

As always, you can catch up on other developments through our dedicated landing page on the **OAA Website**, and the OAA will continue to connect with you regarding important updates. Should Bill 157 become law, the Act would change, followed by updates to **Regulation 27** to prescribe details for limited licences.

The Association continues to acknowledge the severe impact the initial Court Order has had on you, as well as many others. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to OAA staff at OAATechProg@oaa.on.ca.

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