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# OAA Special News Bulletin

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## Update on Legislative Amendments Special Info Session Next Month

Thank you to all those former Licensed Technologists OAA and participants in the now-paused OAA Technology Program who have reached out in support of **Bill 157, *Enhancing Access to Justice Act, 2023***, which was put forth by Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) on November 30, 2023.

**This is a critical time in terms of addressing the outcomes from the Court Order.** As detailed in past emails and on the **OAA Website**, Schedule 1 of Bill 157 amends the *Architects Act* to establish a Limited Licence to engage in the practice of architecture, with conditions set out by the Regulation under the Act. Consequential amendments are made throughout the Act, including the addition of an offence respecting use of the title "Licensed Technologist" by a person who is not the holder of a Limited Licence or Certificate of Practice.

The Bill has received its second reading and been referred to the **Standing Committee on Justice Policy**, which is holding public hearings in Toronto on **February 21 and 22, 2024**. The OAA has applied to appear in person before this committee and will also be making a written submission in support of Bill 157's Schedule 1.

Once again, the OAA urges you to reach out to your local **Member of Public Parliament** (MPP) to offer your own support of the amendments. You can also **make a submission** to the Standing Committee.

The OAA previously shared with you a detailed briefing note that was issued to MPPs. The Association received positive feedback from a number of MPPs, as well as a few followup questions. In an effort to ensure everyone has clear and accurate information, the OAA has now issued a second briefing note to address the difference between the former Licensed Technologist OAA licence and the

AATO's Architectural Technologist title. To read both briefing notes, visit the [OAA Website](#).

The OAA appreciates the introduction of Bill 157 and subsequent communications have also raised questions for many of you. **In response, OAA President Settimo Vilardi would like to invite all former LicTechOAs, Intern Technologists, and Student Technologists to join him for a virtual meeting on Tuesday February 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** President Vilardi will use this opportunity to respond to recent questions received, as well as reserve time for your additional questions.

**Registration for the session is required to attend.** It is reserved for those that previously held status with the OAA as a Licensed Technologist OAA or was a participant in the OAA Technology Program. [Click here to register](#).

The Association continues to acknowledge the severe impact this 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](mailto:OAATechProg@oaa.on.ca).

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