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**CHAPTER 33**

(Bill No. 24)

**Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Protection in  
Health Care Act**

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Hon. James Aylward  
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HEALTH CARE ACT**

*(Assented to November 28, 2019)*

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BE IT ENACTED by the Lieutenant Governor and the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Prince Edward Island as follows:

**1. Consent to Treatment and Health Care Directives Act**

**(1) The *Consent to Treatment and Health Care Directives Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-17.2, is amended as provided by this section.**

**(2) Section 1 of the Act is amended by the addition of the following after clause (b):**

(b.1) “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include

(i) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development, or

(ii) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery;

**(3) The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 1:**

**1.1 Treatment includes conversion therapy**

For greater certainty, treatment includes conversion therapy under this Act and the regulations.

**(4) Section 12 of the Act is amended by the addition of the following after clause (d):**

(d.1) the provision of conversion therapy;

**2. Health Services Payment Act**

**(1) The *Health Services Payment Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-2, is amended as provided by this section.**

(2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 1:**

**1.1 Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (1) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**Conversion therapy not a basic health service**

- (2) Conversion therapy is not a basic health service and no payment in respect of conversion therapy shall be made from the plan.

**3. Hospital and Diagnostic Services Insurance Act**

- (1) **The *Hospital and Diagnostic Services Insurance Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. H-8, is amended as provided by this section.**

(2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 1:**

**1.1 Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (1) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**Conversion therapy not an insured service**

- (2) Conversion therapy is not an insured service and no payment in respect of conversion therapy shall be made under this Act or the regulations.

**4. Medical Act**

- (1) **The *Medical Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-5, is amended as provided by this section.**

(2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 56:**

**56.1 Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (1) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**Conversion therapy prohibited**

- (2) No person shall, in the course of practising medicine, provide conversion therapy to a person under the age of 18 years.

**5. Mental Health Act**

- (1) **The *Mental Health Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. M-6.1, is amended as provided by this section.**

- (2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after subsection 23(12):**

**No substitute consent to conversion therapy**

- (12.1) Notwithstanding subsections (2), (6), (7) and (8), no person may give consent in respect of the provision of conversion therapy on behalf of a patient who is incapable.

**Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (12.2) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**6. Psychologists Act**

- (1) **The *Psychologists Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. P-27.2, is amended as provided by this section.**

- (2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 58.1:**

**58.2 Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (1) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**Conversion therapy prohibited**

- (2) No registrant or professional psychology corporation shall, in the course of practicing psychology, provide conversion therapy to a person under the age of 18 years.

**7. Registered Health Professions Act**

- (1) **The *Registered Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-8.01, is amended as provided by this section.**

(2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after section 66:**

**66.1 Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (1) In this section, “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.

**Conversion therapy prohibited**

- (2) No registrant or health profession corporation shall, in the course of practising a registered health profession or carrying on the business of providing the professional services of a registrant, as the case may be, provide conversion therapy to a person under the age of 18 years.

**8. Regulated Health Professions Act**

- (1) **The *Regulated Health Professions Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. R-10.1, is amended as provided by this section.**

(2) **The Act is amended by the addition of the following after subsection 90(3):**

**Conversion therapy prohibited**

- (4) No member or health profession corporation shall, in the course of practising a regulated health profession or carrying on the business of providing the professional services of a member, as the case may be, provide conversion therapy to a person under the age of 18 years.

**Meaning of “conversion therapy”**

- (5) In subsection (4), “**conversion therapy**” means any practice, treatment or service provided for the purpose of changing a person’s sexual orientation or gender identity, but does not include
- (a) a practice, treatment or service providing acceptance, understanding or support to a person or assisting a person with identity exploration or development; or
  - (b) gender-confirming surgery or a practice, treatment or service related to gender-confirming surgery.



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