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Committee Invites Public Input on the *Public Health Act*

EDMONTON – “Alberta’s *Public Health Act* is the legislation that provides the framework to protect Albertans by preventing injury, illness and premature death. The goal of the Act is to help Albertans live healthy lives,” said Nicholas Milliken, committee chair and MLA for Calgary-Currie. “The goal of the Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee is to review the entire Act with emphasis on the part dealing with communicable diseases and public health emergencies.”

Most recently Albertans may have become aware of the Act as it relates to emergency powers provided in relation to the COVID-19 response. The general powers of the Act contribute to the bulk of the work for regular programming and services that enable the control of communicable diseases.

“Certainly, critical during public health emergencies, this Act also impacts the everyday lives of Albertans,” said Milliken. “We want to hear from Albertans to ensure the Act is allowing those governed by it to do their work as efficiently and effectively as possible.”

The Select Special Public Health Act Review Committee is inviting written submissions. **Written submissions must be received by Tuesday, August 25, 2020.** Please note that submissions and the names of submitters may be made public.

More information about the *Public Health Act* is available on the committee website assembly.ab.ca/committees/publichealthreview. A web form is provided, and submissions may also be sent to PHARCommittee.Admin@assembly.ab.ca.

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