

Government of Northwest Territories

Plain Language Summary for Bill 12: Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act

The Business Day Statute Law Amendment Act (the "Act") is being introduced by the Government of the Northwest Territories' Department of Justice due to changes that were made to the *Interpretation* Act in 2017 that included an error, which has resulted in some government offices technically being required to be open on Sundays. This was not the intent of the changes from 2017.

The Act will amend four (4) pieces of legislation to deal with this problem and to ensure Sundays are not interpreted as business days:

- Subsection 150(5) of the *Business Corporations Act*
- Section 59 of the Consumer Protection Act
- Section 62 of the Judicature Act
- Subsection 24(2) of the Mechanics Lien Act

As the Act makes minor, uncontroversial changes to bring legislation in line with existing practices, no consultation or engagement outside of the Department of Justice has been undertaken.

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