

Draft Law: Protection of Minors in Medical Procedures Act

Preamble

Whereas Canada is committed to the protection and support of all its citizens, including transgender individuals; Whereas the government recognizes the importance of ensuring the health and well-being of minors; Whereas it is essential to protect minors from irreversible medical procedures that they cannot fully understand or consent to;

Title

This Act may be cited as the "Protection of Minors in Medical Procedures Act."

Section 1: Definitions

1.1. "Minor" refers to any individual under the age of 18. 1.2. "Transgender" refers to individuals whose gender identity differs from the sex assigned to them at birth. 1.3. "Gender-affirming surgery" refers to surgical procedures intended to alter an individual's physical characteristics to align with their gender identity. 1.4. "Intersex" refers to individuals born with physical sex characteristics that do not fit typical definitions of male or female.

Section 2: Prohibition of Gender-Affirming Surgeries for Minors

2.1. No medical practitioner shall perform any gender-affirming surgery on a minor. 2.2. Exceptions to this prohibition are permitted for intersex individuals where surgery is deemed necessary by medical professionals to address specific health concerns.

Section 3: Prohibition of Hormonal Treatments for Minors

3.1. No medical practitioner shall prescribe hormone therapy or hormone blockers to a minor for the purpose of gender transition.

Section 4: Rights and Expression of Minors

4.1. This Act does not deny the identity of transgender minors or their right to express their gender identity. 4.2. Minors have the right to dress, groom, and express themselves in ways that align with their gender identity, including but not limited to: a. Wearing clothing traditionally associated with the opposite gender. b. Styling hair, shaving, and applying makeup according to their preferences.

Section 5: Rights and Support for Transgender Minors

5.1. Transgender minors shall have access to supportive health care services, including but not limited to: a. Counseling and mental health support. b. Peer support groups and community resources.

Section 6: Educational and Support Programs

6.1. The government shall establish and fund educational programs aimed at raising awareness and understanding of transgender and intersex issues among parents, educators, and the general public. 6.2. Support programs for transgender and intersex minors and their families shall be made readily available to provide guidance and assistance.

Section 7: Penalties and Enforcement

7.1. Any medical practitioner found in violation of Section 2 or Section 3 of this Act shall be subject to disciplinary action by their professional regulatory body, which may include suspension or revocation of their medical license. 7.2. The Ministry of Health shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Act and for ensuring compliance through regular audits and investigations.

Section 8: Review and Amendment

8.1. This Act shall be reviewed every five years to assess its impact on the health and well-being of minors and to make necessary amendments based on new medical research and social developments.

Section 9: Commencement

9.1. This Act shall come into force on the date of its passage.

Conclusion

By enacting the Protection of Minors in Medical Procedures Act, Canada reaffirms its commitment to the health, safety, and well-being of all minors. This legislation ensures that irreversible medical decisions are made only when absolutely necessary, protecting minors from procedures they cannot fully understand while promoting a supportive environment for transgender and intersex youth. At the same time, it respects and upholds the rights of minors to express their gender identity through clothing, grooming, and other forms of personal expression.