

**Plain Language Summary for Bill 33: Technical Safety Statutes Amendment Act**

The Government of the Northwest Territories is proposing a Bill to amend the *Elevators and Lifts Act* to become the *Technical Safety Act*, which will set out common core provisions that would apply to all fields of work brought under the Act. The proposed Act will harmonize and streamline the permitting, fee, and inspections powers for regulated products currently within the *Boilers and Pressure Vessels Act*, *Electrical Protection Act*, *Gas Protection Act*, and *Elevators and Lifts Act*. All four current electro-mechanical statutes will be progressively repealed and integrated in the new *Technical Safety Act*.

By harmonizing the permitting, fee, and inspections powers for regulated products under one act, the Government of the Northwest Territories will reduce red tape and provide clear consistent governance across the electro-mechanical fields. The Bill maintains the permitting, qualification, inspection and enforcement systems currently in place. NWT residents will notice no changes in how the Act impacts them or how they use regulated products. While the changes will not affect day-to-day operations for industry they will provide consistency to industry. Existing processes and requirements will continue as usual.

The Bill will align with similar legislation in other jurisdictions thus facilitating labour mobility and trade between NWT and other Canadian territories and provinces.

**Highlights include:**

- Combining licensing, permitting, registry, inspection, and appeal systems into one unified framework, eliminating gaps or duplication.
- Modernizing and aligning the NWT's electro-mechanical legislation with other jurisdictions.
- Enhancing public safety by ensuring regulated electro-mechanical devices and systems are properly installed, maintained, and inspected.

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