

Draft question

Are you in favour of including ambulance paramedics in the interest arbitration process used to settle collective agreements for police and fire services without strikes or lockouts?

Draft Legislation

AMBULANCE, FIRE AND POLICE SERVICES COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ACT

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

1. The title of the Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act, RSBC 1996, c. 142 is repealed and the following is substituted "Ambulance, Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act".
2. The Fire and Police Services Collective Bargaining Act, RSBC 1996, c. 142, is amended as follows:
 - a) section 1 definition of "employer" is amended to add "paramedics' union";
 - b) section 1 is amended to add "'paramedics' union" means a trade union certified for a bargaining unit in which the majority of employees are engaged in ambulance paramedic duties"; and
 - c) section 3 (1) is amended to add "paramedics' union".
3. The Health Authorities Act, RSBC 1996, c. 180 is amended by adding section 19.41 " s. 19.4 does not apply to a bargaining unit in which the majority of employees are engaged in ambulance paramedic duties."