
Bill 48: iGaming Alberta Act

Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction (SARTR)

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Alberta

Overview

- Alberta's online gaming (iGaming) strategy will proceed in phases.
- Phase 1 – Bill 48: iGaming Alberta Act, was tabled yesterday. The Bill:
 - creates the Alberta iGaming Corporation to oversee the new iGaming market through the new Alberta iGaming Corporation Act;
 - establishes Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) as the regulator of the new iGaming market through amendments to the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*.
- Phase 2 – Key regulations and policies related to revenue, consumer protection, and social responsibility will be brought forward later this year, following further engagement with Indigenous partners and industry stakeholders.

Alberta iGaming Corporation Act

- Establishes a new provincial corporation, the Alberta iGaming Corporation, as a new arms-length agency to manage the private iGaming market.
- Establishes key definitions for legislative clarity.
- Establishes the mandate of the corporation.
- Establishes the corporation's board composition, authority, and responsibilities.
- Sets out the appointment process and roles and responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer.
- Establishes Ministerial oversight of the corporation and its activities.
- Establishes the rules regarding the corporation's revenue, reporting, borrowing, liabilities, and indemnities.
- Provides the responsible Minister with authority to issue directives that the Corporation must follow.
- Establishes related regulation-making authorities.

Amendments to the *Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Act*

- Grants AGLC the authority to perform key regulatory functions in support of a private, regulated iGaming market.
- Adds key definitions for legislative clarity.
- Clarifies that the minimum age to participate in land-based gaming activities – 18 years of age – applies to iGaming.
- Transfers the authority to conduct and manage gaming activities from the responsible Minister to the new Alberta iGaming Corporation.
- Prohibits the operation, provision, or advertising of an iGaming site in Alberta, unless they are appropriately registered in accordance with the Act and Regulation.
- Establishes duties and responsibilities of registered suppliers.
- Establishes information-sharing rules, including that information collected for the purposes of regulating the online market, can only be used for regulatory purposes or to support joint regulatory efforts with other regulatory bodies.
- Sets out maximum fines/penalties and offences.
- Establishes investigatory authorities related to iGaming for AGLC.
- Establishes related regulation-making authorities.