



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA
Standing Committee on Health

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NEWS RELEASE

Review of Bill 52, *Health Information Amendment Act, 2009*

Edmonton - The Standing Committee on Health is asking the public for feedback on Bill 52, *Health Information Amendment Act, 2009* that was originally introduced in the fall session. Members of the public are now invited to make written submissions to the committee before April 24, 2009.

Fred Horne, Chair of the Standing Committee on Health, notes: "Our committee believes it is important to involve Albertans in this review. We are inviting submissions from individuals and organizations who would like to contribute to the review process."

Bill 52 would make several amendments to the *Health Information Act*, including:

- the creation of a legislative framework for Alberta Netcare (the provincial electronic health record system) that includes the ability to specify what health information may be available
- the creation of health information repositories
- the inclusion of privately funded health services under the *Health Information Act*
- the facilitation of the exchange of health information over Alberta Netcare
- the co-ordination of activities and investigations of complaints among provincial Information and Privacy Commissioners

During the fall session, the committee heard presentations from several organizations. These submissions, as well as information about the bill, the committee and its review process can be found at www.assembly.ab.ca/committees/health. Details about the submission process are also available on the website.

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