

# Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills

## Final Report *Bill 205, Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Amendment Act, 2019*

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**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BILLS AND PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

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**To the Honourable Nathan Cooper  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly  
of the Province of Alberta**

I have the honour of submitting, on behalf of the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills, the Committee's final report containing recommendations on Bill 205, *Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Amendment Act, 2019*, for consideration by the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

Sincerely,

*[original signed]*

Mike Ellis, MLA  
Chair, Standing Committee  
on Private Bills and  
Private Members' Public Bills



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PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS**

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**Member also in attendance on November 18 and 21, 2019:**

Matt Jones, MLA  
Calgary-South East (UCP)

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Bill 205, *Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Amendment Act, 2019*, was introduced and received first reading on November 6, 2019.

## 2.0 ORDER OF REFERENCE

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.11:

- (1) After a public Bill other than a Government Bill has been read a first time, the Bill stands referred to the Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee.
- (2) The Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills Committee shall report back to the Assembly within 8 sitting days of the day on which the Bill was referred to the Committee.

## 3.0 COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

As part of the Committee's review of Bill 205, Committee meetings were held on November 18 and 21, 2019. The sponsor of Bill 205, Matt Jones, Member for Calgary-South East, made a presentation on the Bill to the Committee on November 18, 2019, and the Committee received a technical briefing from the Ministry of Health. On November 21, 2019, three stakeholders made oral presentations to the Committee, and the Committee received four written submissions from invited stakeholders (Appendix A). The Committee also received an additional nine written submissions about the Bill.

## 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Pursuant to Standing Order 74.2 the Standing Committee on Private Bills and Private Members' Public Bills recommends

**that Bill 205, *Human Tissue and Organ Donation (Presumed Consent) Amendment Act, 2019*, proceed.**

## APPENDIX A: WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS

Organization	Name
Alberta ORGANization Group	--
Alberta Transplant Institute, University of Alberta	Dr. Lori J. West, Dr. Matthew-John Weiss, and David Hartell
Faculty of Law and School of Public Health, University of Alberta	Dr. Timothy Caulfield
Transplant Québec	Dr. Matthew-John Weiss



## APPENDIX B: LIST OF ORAL PRESENTERS

Organization	Name
Alberta ORGANization Group	Linda Powell, Chair Dr. Greg Powell, Member Murray Wilson, Co-founder
Kidney Foundation of Canada, Northern Alberta and the Territories Branch	Flavia Robles de la Fuente, Executive Director Manuel Escoto, Community Development and Communications Manager
Alberta Transplant Institute	Dr. Norman Kneteman, Clinical Director

