

**Timmins Diocesan Council
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Care for our Common Home**



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**To: Timmins Diocesan Executive and CWL Presidents Timmins Diocese
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Legislation is social justice in action. It is the carrying out of League resolutions to influence government policy. CWL [Executive Handbook](#) (May 2014)

My League sisters.... A warm welcome to all of you on this cold snowy day. As our legislative assemblies come back to order, business is rebooting and work is being done. It is our role to monitor and study legislation at all levels of government, and to review ongoing and proposed legislation that pertains to League resolutions.

I found this information interesting and a tremendous learning tool so am giving you current provincial Bills - too many for me to highlight, but here are a few that should peak your interest.

The entirety of the Bills can be found at www.ola.org - click on "find Bills" (or google current Ontario legislation). I encourage you to take a few moments and read some or all of the ones that interest you. You may recognize some of the issues in which the League has been interested.

Bill 14, Time to Care Act (Long-Term Care Homes Amendment, Minimum Standard of Daily Care), 2021 Armstrong, Teresa J. Current status: First Reading Carried

The Bill amends the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007* so that a long-term care home will have to provide its residents with at least four hours a day of nursing and personal support services, averaged across the residents. The minimum hours may be increased by regulation.

Bill 31, Nancy Rose Act (Pediatric Hospice Palliative Care Strategy), 2021 Current status: First Reading Carried Shaw, Sandy

This is an Act to provide for the development of a provincial pediatric hospice palliative care strategy to create equity of access to high quality pediatric hospice palliative care across Ontario.

Bill 41, Viewer Discretion Act (Images of Fetuses), 2021 Sattler, Peggy Armstrong, Teresa J. Kernaghan, Terence Current status: First Reading Carried
This Bill provides that no one shall send a graphic image of an aborted or otherwise non-viable fetus by mail or otherwise distribute such an image unless the following conditions are satisfied:

1. The image is contained in an opaque envelope.
2. The exterior of the envelope includes a description of the contents.
3. The exterior of the envelope clearly identifies the sender.

Bill 42, Ontario Religious Freedom Day Act, 2021 Sabawy, Sheref Current status: First Reading Carried
This Bill proclaims October 27 each year as Ontario Religious Freedom Day.

Bill 44, Perinatal Mental Health Act, 2021 Karpoche, Bhutila Current status: First Reading Carried
This is an Act to proclaim Perinatal Mental Health Day and to require a review of perinatal mental health in Ontario and the preparation of a Provincial Framework and Action Plan.

Bill 48, Support Workers Pay Act, 2021 West, Jamie Current status: First Reading Carried.

This Act provides minimum pay for every support worker. This includes the temporary pandemic pay paid to support workers; provides travel payments per kilometer travelled between work sites; stipulates that the Minister of Long-Term Care develop programs to provide training, education and professional development for all support workers and long-term care staff; recruit and retain the number of support workers required to deliver adequate and appropriate care; and ensure support workers are paid while learning on the job and that they can receive full-time jobs at the end of their apprenticeship.

I wish you happy reading!

Respectively submitted

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