

2017

CHAPTER 16

An Act to amend *The Legal Profession Act, 1990*

(Assented to May 17, 2017)

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

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as *The Legal Profession Amendment Act, 2017*.

SS 1990-91, c L-10.1 amended

2 *The Legal Profession Act, 1990* is amended in the manner set forth in this Act.

Section 11 amended

3 Subsection 11(1) is amended by striking out “The benchers” and substituting “Subject to section 11.1, the benchers”.

New section 11.1

4 The following section is added after section 11:

“Exemption from insurance

11.1(1) In this section, ‘**government institution**’ means, subject to the regulations, a government institution as defined in *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act or the rules, a member who is employed by or on an exclusive contract with a government institution is exempt from any requirement to:

- (a) maintain professional liability insurance; or
- (b) pay to the society or any other insurer any liability insurance assessment, levy or other payment.

(3) The provision of legal services by a member mentioned in subsection (2) through a pro bono organization approved by the society does not affect the application of that subsection to that member.

(4) The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations excluding any secretariat, agency, board, commission, Crown corporation or other body from the definition of ‘government institution’.

Coming into force

5 This Act comes into force on assent.

