

Via Email

August 7, 2020

The Honourable Darryl Plecas
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Please find attached a report regarding a regulation made on August 4, 2020, under the *Emergency Program Act*, RSBC 1996, c 11, as amended by the *COVID-19 Related Measures Act*, SBC 2020, c 8 (CRMA). This report is presented pursuant to subsection 4 (2) of the CRMA.

Subsection 4 (4) of CRMA requires that this report be laid before the Legislative Assembly as soon as possible.

The COVID-19 (*Passenger Transportation Act*) Regulation, OIC 457, was made under Section 10.1 of the *Emergency Program Act*. It exempts passenger transportation licensees, such as tour bus operators, that have ceased operations due to the impact of COVID-19 from the requirement in the *Passenger Transportation Act* to pay an application fee when they submit an application to renew their licence. The regulation requires that the application fee must be paid prior to the Registrar renewing the licence. The regulation also requires that the application fee must be paid before the earlier of the date that is one year after the licensee makes the application or June 30, 2021.

This regulation will remain in place until July 10, 2021.

Members may direct any questions to me in respect of this report and the effects of the attached regulation.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

David Eby, QC
Attorney General

Attachment
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