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## **An Act to Prevent Prohibitions on the Use of Clotheslines**

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ACTS OF 2010

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
DECEMBER 10, 2010**

The Honourable Bill Estabrooks, MB  
*Minister of Energy*

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WHEREAS the use of clotheslines to dry clothes reduces energy consumption, greenhouse gas and mercury emissions;

AND WHEREAS Nova Scotians should have the ability to utilize clotheslines outdoors;

THEREFORE be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

**1** This Act may be cited as the *Clothesline Act*.

**2** The purpose of this Act is to ensure no law, by-law, covenant or agreement prevents, prohibits or unreasonably restricts the installation, placement or use of a clothesline outdoors at a single-family dwelling or on the ground floor of a multi-unit residential building.

**3** “clothesline” means a line, rope, wire or cord used to hang laundry to dry.

**4** **(1)** No Act, by-law, covenant, agreement or contract prevents or prohibits the installation, placement or use of a clothesline outdoors at a single family dwelling or on the ground floor of a multi-unit residential building.

**(2)** For greater certainty, subsection (1) applies to an Act, by-law, covenant, agreement or contract whether made or entered into before or after the coming into force of this Act.

**5** Notwithstanding Section 4, nothing in this Act prevents reasonable restrictions on the installation, placement or use of a clothesline.

**6** In the event of a conflict between this Act and any other enactment, this Act prevails.

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