

BILL NO. 59

Government Bill

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An Act to Amend Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter

CHAPTER 50 ACTS OF 2014

AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOVEMBER 20, 2014

The Honourable Mark Furey Minister of Municipal Affairs

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Chapter 39 of the Acts of 2008, the *Halifax Regional Municipality Charter*, is amended by adding immediately after Section 92A the following Section:

92B (1) In this Section, "eligible industrial property" has the meaning prescribed by the regulations.

(2) Notwithstanding any enactment, where the Council considers it necessary or advisable, the Municipality may enter into a taxation agreement with the owner of an eligible industrial property respecting the taxes payable to the Municipality by the owner.

(3) Notwithstanding any enactment, where there is a taxation agreement pursuant to this Section, the owner shall pay taxes with respect to the eligible industrial property in accordance with the agreement instead of the taxes otherwise payable pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

(4) A taxation agreement does not take effect unless it is approved by by-law.

(5) Taxes payable under a taxation agreement entered into pursuant to this Section are a first lien upon the eligible industrial property.

(6) The Minister may make regulations prescribing the meaning of "eligible industrial property".

(7) A regulation made pursuant to subsection (6) may be made retroactive to April 1, 2014, or such later date as is specified by the regulation.

(8) The exercise by the Minister of the authority contained in subsection (7) is regulations within the meaning of the *Regulations Act*.

2 This Act has effect on and after April 1, 2014, upon the Governor in Council so ordering and declaring by proclamation.