



# **BILL NO. 46**

*Government Bill*

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**An Act to Amend Chapter 376  
of the Revised Statutes, 1989,  
the Public Service Act,  
to Establish the Office of Health Promotion**

CHAPTER 16  
ACTS OF 2004

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
MAY 20, 2004**

The Honourable Rodney J. MacDonald  
*Minister of Health Promotion*

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*Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Printed by Authority of the Speaker of the House of Assembly*

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of the Revised Statutes, 1989,  
the Public Service Act,  
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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

**1 Sections 19 to 23 of Chapter 376 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Public Service Act*, are repealed.**

**2 Chapter 376 is further amended by adding immediately after Section 25B the following Sections:**

25C (1) There shall be an Office of Health Promotion.

(2) The Governor in Council may assign to a member of the Executive Council responsibility for the Office of Health Promotion.

(3) The Office of Health Promotion shall be presided over by the Minister of Health Promotion who has the supervision, direction and control of all affairs and matters relating to the Office and who shall supervise the performance of the functions of the Office.

(4) The Governor in Council may appoint a person to be Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Health Promotion who shall be paid such salary as the Governor in Council determines and who shall perform such duties as are from time to time prescribed by the Governor in Council.

(5) Such other officers and employees as are required for the purposes of the Office of Health Promotion may be appointed pursuant to the *Civil Service Act* and that Act applies to those employees.

25D The Office of Health Promotion is responsible for all matters related to promoting a culture of good health and general preventative health measures, in the areas of

- (a) healthy living;
- (b) addiction prevention, including problem drinking and problem gambling;
- (c) tobacco control;
- (d) physical activity;
- (e) healthy eating;
- (f) healthy sexuality; and
- (g) injury prevention.

25E In addition to any functions assigned to the Minister of Health Promotion by an enactment or the Governor in Council, the functions of the Office of Health Promotion are to

(a) co-operate with other departments and support the work of those departments to improve health promotion throughout the Province; and

(b) collaborate with private, public and non-profit sectors to strengthen health promotion initiatives in the Province and to take advantage of improving opportunities to create environments that support improved health.

**3** This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation.

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