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An Act to Amend Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2004, the Police Act, Respecting Complaints and the Nova Scotia Police Review Board

CHAPTER 56 ACTS OF 2014

AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR NOVEMBER 20, 2014

The Honourable Lena Metlege Diab Minister of Justice

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1 Clause 12(1)(a) of Chapter 31 of the Acts of 2004, the *Police Act*, is amended by striking out "investigate and" in the first line.

2 Section 13 of Chapter 31 is amended by adding immediately after subsection (4) the following subsection:

(5) The Chair or a co-chair of the Review Board, as the case may be, must hold a bachelor's degree in law or a degree that the Governor in Council determines to be equivalent.

3 Section 26 of Chapter 31 is amended by striking out "Review Board" in the first line and substituting "Complaints Commissioner".

4 Subsection 72(1) of Chapter 31 is amended by striking out "Review Board" wherever it appears and substituting in each case "Complaints Commissioner".

5 (1) Subsection 74(4) of Chapter 31 is amended by striking out "or vexatious" in the fourth line and substituting ", vexatious, without merit or an abuse of process,".

(2) Subsection 74(5) of Chapter 31 is amended by striking out "Review Board" the second time it appears in the third line and substituting "Complaints Commissioner".

6 Clause 79(1)(a) of Chapter 31 is repealed and the following clause substituted:

(a) determine all questions of fact and law;

7 Section 81 of Chapter 31 is amended by striking out "Review Board" in the last line and substituting "Complaints Commissioner".