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Government Bill

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

CHAPTER 20
ACTS OF 2015

**AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
MAY 11, 2015**

The Honourable Mark Furey
Minister of Municipal Affairs

*Halifax, Nova Scotia
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of the Acts of 2008,
the Halifax Regional Municipality Charter**

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 54 the following Section:

54A (1) The Council may adopt a policy requiring the Municipality to disclose to the public the amount of compensation the Municipality pays or provides to any person, in accordance with the policy.

- (2) The Council may, in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection (1),
 - (a) define “compensation” for the purpose of the policy;
 - (b) establish a threshold amount at which compensation must be disclosed;
 - (c) designate any person or class of persons whose compensation may be subject to disclosure;
 - (d) set out the terms with respect to the timing, content and form of the disclosure required by the policy;
 - (e) include any other matter that the Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Section.
- (3) The Council may adopt a policy
 - (a) requiring any agency, board, commission or corporation to which the Council may appoint the majority of the members to disclose, and any such agency, board, commission or corporation shall disclose, to the Municipality, the amount of compensation it pays or provides to any person; and
 - (b) requiring the Municipality to disclose to the public that compensation information,

in accordance with the policy.

- (4) The Council may, in a policy adopted pursuant to subsection (3),
 - (a) define “compensation” for the purpose of the policy;
 - (b) establish a threshold amount at which compensation must be disclosed;
 - (c) designate any agency, board, commission or corporation to which the Council may appoint the majority of the members, or any class of such agencies, boards, commissions or corporations, as subject to the policy;
 - (d) designate any person or class of persons whose compensation may be subject to disclosure;

(e) set out the terms with respect to the timing, content and form of the disclosure required by the policy;

(f) include any other matter that the Council considers necessary or advisable to carry out effectively the intent and purpose of this Section.

(5) The disclosure of information pursuant to a policy adopted pursuant to this Section is deemed not to contravene any Act, regulation or agreement, whether the Act was enacted or the regulation or agreement was made before or after the coming into force of this Section and, for greater certainty, Part XX of the *Municipal Government Act* does not restrict disclosure pursuant to such a policy.
