

## BILL NO. 9

Government Bill

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## An Act to Amend Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Crown Lands Act

CHAPTER 9 ACTS OF 2021

## AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APRIL 19, 2021

The Honourable Chuck Porter Minister of Lands and Forestry

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## An Act to Amend Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the Crown Lands Act

Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

- 1 Section 2 of Chapter 114 of the Revised Statutes, 1989, the *Crown Lands Act*, is repealed and the following Section substituted:
  - 2 The purpose of this Act is to
  - (a) provide the legislative and regulatory framework that will ensure Crown lands are sustainably used, protected, and managed to maintain and enhance biodiversity and considers climate change and for purposes that include wilderness conservation, recreation, economic opportunity in forestry, tourism and other sectors, community development, and for the cultural, social and aesthetic enjoyment of Nova Scotians;
  - (b) require that forestry leasing and licensing on Crown lands provide equitable stumpage rates, provide adequate investments in forest improvements and establish an overall preference for timber produced on privately owned land; and
  - (c) support the range of purposes set forth in clauses (a) and (b) through land-use planning for Crown lands.