

Life Partners in Long-term Care Act

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**An Act Respecting
Life Partners in Long-term Care**

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Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Life Partners in Long-term Care Act*.
2020, c. 3, s. 1.

Interpretation

2 In this Act,

(a) “facility” means a nursing home or residential care facility licensed by the Department of Health and Wellness under the *Homes for Special Care Act* and funded by the Department;

(b) “life partner” means either of two individuals who

(i) are married to each other,

(ii) have cohabited with each other in a conjugal relationship for at least one year immediately prior to one of the individuals being placed in a facility,

(iii) are in a domestic partnership with each other within the meaning of Part II of the *Vital Statistics Act*, or

(iv) are deemed by the Minister of Health and Wellness, or the Minister’s delegate, as being in a relationship with each other analogous to a relationship referred to in subclauses (i) to (iii). 2020, c. 3, s. 2.

Right of life partners to be placed in same facility

3 Where an individual and the individual’s life partner have both been assessed and deemed eligible by the provincial health authority, as defined by the *Health Authorities Act*, for placement in a facility, the individual and the individual’s life partner have the right to be placed in the same facility. 2020, c. 3, s. 3.

Effective date

4 This Act comes into force on such day as the Governor in Council orders and declares by proclamation. 2020, c. 3, s. 4.

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