

Checking Status of Manitoba Bills and Acts: Backgrounder

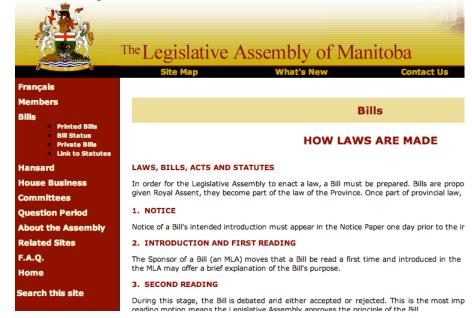
Check Status of a Bill

You can check the status of Bills from the latest session by going to the Government of Manitoba Legislative Assembly website:

- 1) Go to: http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/homepage.html
- 2) Click on "Bills" on the red left hand menu;



3) Then clicking on "Bill Status" in the sub-menu underneath

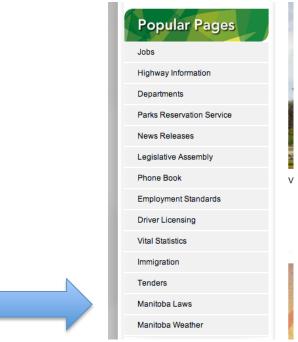




If a statute is set to come into force by proclamation it requires the governing Cabinet to sign a regulation stating the statute is to come into force. The regulation must be published in Part I of the *Manitoba Gazette*. All regulations, including statutory proclamations, must be printed in the *Manitoba Gazette* at least 2 weeks before the regulation comes into effect.

Checking if a Statute has become law

1) Go to the Manitoba Government homepage (www.gov.mb.ca/index.html) and click on the "Manitoba Laws" under the left-hand "Popular Pages" tab.



2) Statutes in Manitoba are listed two ways: by the year they passed, often shorthanded as SM (Statutes of Manitoba) followed by the sessional year.

Eg The Climate Change and Emissions Reduction Act, SM 2008, c. 17

In addition, statutes, which stand alone as their own Act, rather than amending existing statutes of Manitoba, are assigned an alphabetical chapter number in the Continuing Consolidated Statutes of Manitoba (shorthanded as CCSM).

Eg. The Climate Change and Emissions Reduction Act, CCSM c. C135



3) Unless you know the year a statute was passed, it is generally easier to find an act by checking the "Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba (C.C.S.M.)" link (see below).



Welcome to the online version of the laws of Manitoba.

This page describes the types of laws that can be accessed from the menus above. It also describes how they come into force if you prefer not to use the drop-down menu, click the Site Map link at the top of any page to display a table of all the links.

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Acts Regulations 🖫

An Act (also called a statute) is a law enacted by the Legislative Assembly. A bill becomes an Act when it receives royal assent. Before receiving royal assent, a bill must pass through various stages of review and approval in the Legislative Assembly. For a description of the legislative process, or to check the content or status of a bill, use the "Legislative Assembly" links above. On this site, the Acts are grouped into two main categories: consolidated Acts and unconsolidated Acts.

Consolidated Acts. These are Acts of continuing application as amended from time to time. They are grouped into three subcategories: C.C.S.M., municipal Acts and private Acts.

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Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba (C.C.S.M.). These are public Acts of general application.

The list of Acts includes, for each Act, a link to an information table about amendments to the Act and, if there are any regulations under the Act, a link to its table of regulations.

Information about amendments and the coming-into-force of a C.C.S.M. Act is found under the "Info" link for that Act in the list of C.C.S.M. Acts.

A loose-leaf print version of the C.C.S.M. Acts (usually updated twice a year) may be purchased from Statutory Publications on a subscription basis.

Municipal Acts. These are public Acts of application to specific municipalities. The list of municipal Acts includes information about amendments to the Acts.

Private Acts. These Acts are not of general application. They confer powers or special rights or exemptions on specific individuals or groups. The list of private Acts includes information about amendments to the Acts.

The consolidated Acts are updated with amendments as soon as possible after the amendments come into force. The date to which the Acts have been updated appears at the top of the list. If an Act is not up to date, the date to which it has been updated will be noted beside the title of the Act. In such a case, you should check the information table for the Act for recent amendments. The information table will be more up to date than the Act.

Unconsolidated Acts. These are Acts as originally enacted by the Legislative Assembly. They are grouped into two subcategories:

Annual Chapters. These are the Acts as enacted by the Legislature, beginning with the 1988-89 legislative session.

These Acts are not updated with any amendments. If an Act has been amended and is still in force, the amended version can be found among the consolidated Acts.

These Acts may also be purchased from Statutory Publications, either as individual chapters or as bound volumes containing all the chapters enacted in a given year.

Public General Acts (unconsolidated). These are a small subset of the annual chapters. They typically do not amend other Acts, are seldom amended, and are usually effective for a limited time or purpose. For example, each year the Legislative Assembly enacts an Appropriation Act giving the government expenditure authority for a fiscal year.

4) Use the alphabetical index to find the Act you are looking for (see below).

Continuing Consolidation of the Statutes of Manitoba

Updated to: July 12, 2011 (except as otherwise noted)

Click here for a list of C.C.S.M. Acts sorted by minister responsible.

For information about amendments and proclamations affecting an Act, click the Info link for that Act. For a collection of all the information tables, click here. (200+ pages; 750 kb).

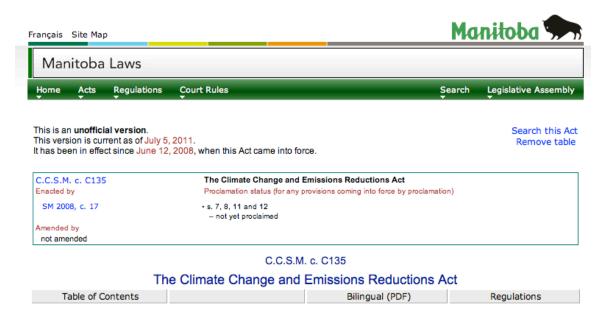




5) Then at the top right hand corner of every CCSM is a blue highlighted link entitled "Information Table."



When displayed the table lists all statutory amendments by session, and indicates whether the entire act, or sections have been proclaimed into law, or are not yet proclaimed.





Links:

View Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, current "Bill Status" http://www.gov.mb.ca/legislature/bills/index.html

View Legislative Assembly of Manitoba, "Printed Bills" http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/39-5/index.php

View Government of Manitoba, Continuing Consolidated Statutes of Manitoba http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/index ccsm.php

View Unconsolidated Statutes of Manitoba, Annual Chapters http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/index_chap.php

View Government of Manitoba, "Unproclaimed Acts or parts of Acts and unproclaimed amendments to Acts"

http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/statutes/ccsm/ infoccsm2.php