

PREAMBLE:

Bill 36 was passed by the Legislative Assembly on November 24, 2022, and received Royal Assent that same day. Upon receiving Royal Assent, Bill 36 was enacted as the *Health Professions and Occupations Act* by the Legislature. The Act comes into force by order of the Lieutenant Governor and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council on the recommendation of the minister responsible and the presiding members of the Executive Council. Although not yet in force, the Bill having been enacted into law, cannot be withdrawn by the House. The only option of request that is within the purview of The Legislative Assembly is to request that The Legislative Assembly take steps to repeal the Act.

The exact wording of “the prayer” (e.g. the petition) was created with guidance from MLA Mr. John Rustad and The Office of the Clerk. There are specific text requirements with respect to the text within the prayer and the request of the House must be within the purview of The Legislative Assembly. The Office of the Clerk unilaterally decides whether the petition is in order after the final petition has been presented to the House by MLA Mr. John Rustad, thus a preliminary review by the Office of the Clerk provides the best chance of a confirmed petition. Therefore, while you may disagree with the wording and/or request within the petition, this cannot be changed or edited.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. All information collected on the petition needs to be in **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** form (e.g. no scanning or emailing of electronic signatures). **DO NOT** alter petition in any matter
2. Print off the petition and canvas for signatures from **MDs ONLY**
3. After collecting **ORIGINAL HARD COPY** signatures, please mail the petition to:

**ATTN: Mr. John Rustad
PO Box 421
Vanderhoof, BC
V0J 3A0**

HOUSEKEEPING:

The petition can be submitted with even 1 signature so do not worry about the page not being full before submitting. Similarly, if you fill a page DO NOT simply add on a blank page with more signatures and attach it to the petition; you must start a fresh petition. Any MD (e.g. resident, active MD, retired MD) with a British Columbia address (temporary or permanent) may sign the petition.

****PETITIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023****

Any questions can be directed to Mr. John Rustad: J.Rustad@leg.bc.ca

