Human Resources Legislative Update

Federal Amendments to PIPEDA Introduced

Date: May 25, 2010

On May 25, 2010, the federal government introduced two Bills that, if passed, would significantly amend PIPEDA: Bill C-29, the *Safeguarding Canadians' Personal Information Act* and Bill C-28, the *Fighting Internet and Wireless Spam Act*.

Bill C-29 would:

- specify the elements of valid consent for the collection, use or disclosure of personal information;
- permit the disclosure of personal information without the knowledge or consent of the individual for prescribed purposes (including identifying an injured, ill or deceased individual and communicating with their next of kin, performing police services and preventing, detecting or suppressing fraud);