Human Resources Legislative Update

New *Retirement Homes Act, 2010* Regulations Proposed

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On February 22, 2011, the Ontario government announced proposed regulations under the *Retirement Homes Act, 2010.*

In part, the regulations would define “retirement home” for the purposes of the Act as a facility with a minimum of six qualifying residents, excluding the premises or parts of premises used to deliver certain programs for which there is already oversight (i.e. residential treatment programs or supportive housing programs under the *Home Care and Community Services Act, 1994*, *Local Health System Integration Act, 2006* and the *Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Act, 1990*).

In addition, the regulations would outline retirement home licensing and complaints procedures, care and safety standards and resident rights and protections.