

Human Resources Legislative Update

Federal Gender Identity, Gender Expression Bill Passes Third Reading

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On March 20, 2013, [Bill C-279, An Act to amend the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code \(gender identity and gender expression\)](#), a Private Member's Bill, passed Third Reading in the House of Commons and proceeded to the Senate for debate.

If passed, Bill C-279 will add gender identity and gender expression as prohibited grounds of discrimination under the [Canadian Human Rights Act](#). It will also make certain amendments to the [Criminal Code](#), such as including gender identity and gender expression to the defined "identifiable group" for the purposes of hate propaganda.