Human Resources Legislative Update

Ontario Launches Review of Occupational Illnesses

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The Ontario government has announced that it has partnered with the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to launch a review of the province's occupational illness system.

The review will be conducted by an independent research centre (the MAP Centre for Urban Health Solutions at St. Michael's Hospital) and will evaluate how occupational illnesses in Ontario are identified, monitored, and prevented.

The review, which is expected in December of this year, will focus on issues identified by Dr. Paul Demers in the 2020 <u>independent review of occupational disease</u>. The government anticipates that the review could result in more timely compensation and better recognition for work-related illnesses.

The announcement states that the research team will consult with stakeholders, including employers, labour groups and workers' rights advocates, healthcare professionals and the health and safety community.

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