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# BREAKING NEWS: Bill 229 Receives Royal Assent

### Bill 229, Working for Workers Six Act, 2024

#### **Receives Royal Assent**

On December 19, 2024, Bill 229, Working for Workers Six Act, 2024 received Royal Assent. The statutes amended by Bill 229 include:

- Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA)
- Highway Traffic Act, 1990
- Occupational Health and Safety Act, 1990 (OHSA)
- Ontario Immigration Act, 2015
- Skilled Trades Week Act, 2024
- Workplace Safety and Insurance Act, 1997 (WSIA)

The following are the key amendments employers need to be aware of and the dates on which these changes come into effect. **Note:** additional amendments made to the above Acts can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Employment Standards Act**

Coming into force six months after the day the Working for Workers Six Act, 2024 received Royal Assent (December 19, 2024)

• Long Term Illness Leave

Coming into force at date to be named by proclamation

• Placement of a Child Leave

#### Occupational Health and Safety Act

In force effective immediately (December 19, 2024)

- Monetary Penalties for Repeat Offences
- Fitted Personal Protective Equipment Requirements
- Expanding Chief Prevention Officer's Powers

Coming into force on January 1, 2025

• Minister's Order to establish a "Workers Trades Committee"

For further details on these amendments, <u>click here</u>.

We will continue to update you as more information is released and will host a *Legislative Updates Webinar* to answer any outstanding questions once we receive more information on the amendments. Our team will keep clients up to date on any policy and/or training updates required.

### From all of us at HR Performance & Results

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To celebrate this holiday season, we have donated to the Women and Children's Shelter of Barrie to help provide support and shelter for women and children in need.

> We wish you a wonderful holiday season and all the best for the year to come!

<u>Note</u>: The HRPAR Office will be closed for the holidays from 12:30 PM on December 24 - December 29 and on January 1.

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