

The Catholic Women's League of Canada

ALBERTA MACKENZIE PROVINCIAL COUNCIL
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There were five bills of general interest that were presented at the legislature in late 2011 (27th Legislature - 4th Session).

The Bills are:

Bill 26 (Traffic Safety Amendment Act): This legislation would allow police to immediately suspend the license of anyone caught driving with blood alcohol content over .08. When proclaimed, this bill would keep license suspensions in place for people caught with more than .08 until their cases are dealt with in court.

Drivers who blow blood alcohol between .05 and .08 would also face penalties, including suspension ranging from 3 to 30 days and short term seizures, if they are caught a second and third time.

This Bill was passed on division with amendments on December 6, 2011, achieved Royal Assent on December 8, 2011 (outside of House sitting) and will come into force on proclamation.

Bill 21 (Election Amendment Act): This Bill sets a fixed election range every four years within a period of three months between March 1 and May 31.

The Bill was passed on division on December 6, 2011, achieved Royal Assent on December 8, 2011 (outside of House sitting) and came into force on December 8, 2011.

Bill 23 (Land Assembly Project Area Amendment Act, 2011): This Bill amends a controversial law that governs compensation of property owners whose land is expropriated for activities such as transportation projects.

The Bill was passed on December 6, 2011, achieved Royal Assent on December 8, 2011 (outside of House sitting) and came into force on December 8, 2011.

Bill 24 (Health Quality Council of Alberta Act): This Bill would give the Council the power to appoint a judge to conduct inquiries into the health care system, if one is called by cabinet.

The Bill was passed on division with amendments on December 6, 2011, achieved Royal Assent on December 8, 2011 (outside of House sitting) and will come into force on proclamation.

Bill 25 (Child and Youth Advocate Act): This Bill would transfer the advocate into an independent officer of legislature. The law changes the reporting arrangement for the advocate who currently answers to the minister of human services.

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If you would like more information, it is available on the website:
<<http://www.assembly.ab.ca/>>.

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