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Labour mobility legislation tabled

WHITEHORSE – Community Services Minister Archie Lang has tabled the labour mobility amendments act in the Yukon legislature.

"This legislation is part of a Canada-wide initiative to ensure that Canadians can live and work where they choose," Lang said. "Yukon government's labour mobility amendments enable qualified workers regulated by a Canadian authority to access Yukon employment opportunities in their chosen occupation."

As a signatory to the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT), Yukon government has agreed to comply with the AIT's labour mobility provisions by June 30.

"The proposed legislation will help address local labour shortages by eliminating employment barriers for Canadians to live and work in Yukon," Lang said. "This national initiative will also eliminate barriers to Yukoners seeking work in other jurisdictions."

Since the last AIT amendments were approved last year, all new Yukon legislation is AIT compliant. The labour mobility amendments act will update 16 Yukon statutes that pre-date the 2009 signing of the AIT to make them compliant also. These acts regulate a variety of professions, including those in the legal and health field.

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