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## SPEAKER'S DIRECTIVE 01/2024

### *Legislative Assembly Act*

#### LAW ENFORCEMENT WEAPONS AUTHORIZATION DIRECTIVE

Under section 22.3(1) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta issues the following directive:

#### **Interpretation**

**1(1)** In this Directive,

“Act” means the *Legislative Assembly Act*;

“*Criminal Code*” means the *Criminal Code* (Canada);

“law enforcement agency” means each of the following:

(a) a police service;

(b) a peace officer program regulated under the *Peace Officer Act* that operates within the legislative precinct;

(c) any other entity as approved by the Sergeant-at-Arms;

“Legislative Assembly Office” means the Legislative Assembly Office as represented by

(a) the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, or

(b) an employee of the Legislative Assembly Office to whom the Clerk has delegated in writing a power or duty under this Directive;

“member of a law enforcement agency” means an individual who is a member in good standing of a law enforcement agency;

“police service” has the same meaning as in the *Police Act*;

“Regulation” means the *Legislative Precinct Security Regulation* made under the Act;

“Sergeant-at-Arms” means the individual employed by the Legislative Assembly Office in the position of Sergeant-at-Arms.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, words and expressions used but not defined in this Directive have the same meaning as in the Act, Regulation, another directive issued by the Speaker under the Act or an Act of Parliament, including the *Criminal Code*.

(3) Unless the context otherwise requires, the provisions of the *Interpretation Act* apply with all necessary modifications to this Directive as if it were an enactment.

(4) For greater certainty, this Directive is intended to be applied in accordance with all laws that generally apply to the matters subject to this Directive.

### **Purpose**

2 The purpose of this Directive is to provide authorization, as referred to in section 22.3(1)(f) and for the purpose of section 22.92 of the Act, to members of law enforcement agencies to possess, carry and use weapons within the legislative precinct.

### **Application**

3 This Directive applies to all members of law enforcement agencies while within the legislative precinct.

### **Law enforcement agency authorization**

4(1) Subject to subsection (2), a member of a law enforcement agency is authorized to possess, carry and use each weapon that the member is authorized to possess, carry and use under the member's authorization issued by the member's law enforcement agency.

(2) Except in the case of an exigent or emergent circumstance, before a member of a law enforcement agency enters the chamber or public gallery of the Legislature Building while possessing or carrying a weapon authorized under subsection (1), the member must obtain permission to do so from the Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **Notice of complaint against member**

5 If a complaint is made against a member of a law enforcement agency under the applicable enactment that relates to the member's actions while within the legislative precinct, the head of the law enforcement agency must, as soon as practicable, notify the Sergeant-at-Arms.

### **Tabling and making directive publicly available**

6 As soon as practicable on issuance of this Directive or an amendment to this Directive

(a) the Speaker must table a copy of it in the Legislative Assembly,

(b) the Legislative Assembly Office must post a copy of it on its publicly accessible website, and

(c) the Sergeant-at-Arms must provide a copy of it to each law enforcement agency.

**Effective date**

7 This Directive is effective as of the date on which it is issued by the Speaker.

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**Issued by the Speaker on the date noted below.**

September 1, 2024

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Date of signature

[Original signed by Hon. Nathan Cooper]

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Nathan Cooper, MLA

Speaker

Legislative Assembly of Alberta