

Bill 6

The Citizen Participation Act

WHEREAS approximately one-half of Canadians contribute their time, energy and skills to groups and organizations such as charities and non-profits¹; and

WHEREAS only qualified donees can issue official donation receipts to Canadian citizens²; and

WHEREAS any organization that is considered political in aim, incorporates acts of private benevolence or is not charitable in common law prevents it from being a registered charity.³

THEREFORE, HER MAJESTY, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT OF MANITOBA ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 As of January 1, 2018, the Federal Government of Canada shall create a list of moral activities that benefit the citizen performing the activity and the citizens around them. Each activity listed will provide the citizen who is performing it an income tax reduction.
 - (1) Every list created under this Act must be passed annually by this House.
 - (a) The Federal Government must pass the first list by December 31st, 2018.
 - (2) The income tax reduction cannot exceed 5% of the citizens total income.
 - (3) The federal government shall decide upon the degree of the tax reduction and include it on the list passed annually provided or edited each year.
 - (4) Citizens shall fill out an additional tax form listing which of these activities they have been committed to and providing evidence for their participation.
- 2 In addition to a criminal sentence, a convicted citizen will also lose a portion of the tax benefit provided by the Citizenship Participation Act if they have accumulated any.
 - (1) The convicted citizen can only be penalized up to their accumulated benefits and cannot have their income tax increased from what it would normally be through this clause.
 - (2) The degree to which a citizen loses a portion of their tax reduction shall be decided upon by the sentencing judge.
- 3 The organization **MORALS** [**Mandated Organization Rewarding Alternatively Loving Societies**] will be created, which will be placed in charge of distributing Moral Licenses to organizations across Canada.

¹ "Volunteering in Canada," *Stats Canada*, accessed December 4th, 2017.

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2012001/article/11638-eng.htm#a4>

² "List of Charities and Other Qualified Donees," *Canada.ca*, accessed December 4th, 2017.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/list-charities/list-charities-other-qualified-donees.html>

³ "Factors That Will Prevent an Organization From Being Registered as a Charity," *Canada.ca*, accessed December 4th, 2017. <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/charities-giving/charities/applying-registration/factors-that-will-prevent-organization-being-registered-a-charity.html>

- (1) Organizations shall be able to apply for a Moral License, which will allow participation with the organization to provide a tax reduction to the participant as described in Clause 1.
 - (a) Each location the organization operates in has to apply for a separate Moral License.
 - (b) The degree to which the individual's tax is reduced will be determined by **MORALS** on a case by case basis, with different degrees of participation offering different tax reductions.