

Member Heads Up



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Heads Up	Changes to Alberta Human Rights Act Impacting Residential Age Restrictions
Details	<p>The proposed legislation would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Define seniors as 55+• Provide a 15 year transition period for current 18+ buildings• No further 18+ buildings allowed
Background	<p>This issue came about as the result of an unrelated court ruling in a case that was intended to protect seniors from discrimination.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to this ruling and the subsequent inclusion of age in certain sections of the Alberta Human Rights Act, the current government is required to update its legislation and make exemptions (if any) before Jan 1, 2018.</p> <p>Disallowing age-restricted real estate was not the intended outcome of this legal case. While that doesn't mean this issue can be disregarded, it is an important consideration in evaluating whether to impact thousands of Albertans. Unfortunately, the government has decided to proceed in this fashion.</p>
What's Next	<p>BILD Alberta staff and members are currently reviewing the proposed legislation and will be responding directly to the provincial government in the coming days.</p>
More information	<p>Click here to read the release from the province.</p> <p>Contact T.J. Keil with any further questions.</p>