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To: All appointees and registrants under the Bailiffs Act

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1. Halt and Reversal of Commercial Evictions

On June 17, 2020, the Legislative Assembly of Ontario passed the Protecting Small Business Act, 2020, which amended the Commercial Tenancies Act, temporarily halting or reversing evictions of commercial tenants for unpaid rent and protecting them from being locked out or having their assets seized during COVID-19. The legislation applies to businesses that are eligible for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) for small businesses program.

The amendments are a temporary measure that will affect commercial evictions that occurred on or after May 1, 2020 and will remain in place until August 31, 2020.

I encourage you to carefully review the websites below to ensure that you are acting responsibly as a bailiff or assistant bailiff and in accordance with law.

The news release announcing the passage of the Protecting Small Business Act is available at the following URL: <https://news.ontario.ca/mma/en/2020/06/ontario-pauses-commercial-evictions.html>

Please see Part IV of the Commercial Tenancies Act for the provisions related to the non-enforcement period: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90I07>

Sincerely,



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Registrar of Bailiffs