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## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES REVIEW OF LEGISLATION REGULATING SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL SERVICE WORK PROFESSIONS

TORONTO – The Ontario government is launching a review of the Social Work and Social Service Work Act, 1998, the legislation that regulates the social work and social service work professions in Ontario, Minister of Community and Social Services Sandra Pupatello announced today.

The act, which created the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers in 2000, requires the government to conduct a review of the legislation within five years to address implementation problems and determine whether the college is able to fulfil its duty to serve and protect the public interest.

“Ontario’s social workers and social service workers help individuals and families through tremendous personal challenges every day,” said Pupatello. “We owe it to Ontarians to make sure the profession continues to maintain the highest standards.”

Ontario is the only province that regulates the professional activities of social workers and social service workers.

“We welcome input from anyone who has an interest in the social work and social service professions,” said Pupatello. “Our communities are only as strong as our people, and we need to make sure that these caring professionals can continue to support people to be strong in difficult times.”

Deadline for submissions is March 15, 2005. The discussion document can be downloaded from <http://www.mcsc.gov.on.ca/CFCS/en/publications/socialworkact.htm>, from [www.ocswwsw.org](http://www.ocswwsw.org), or from [www.oasw.org](http://www.oasw.org). or by contacting Mohamad Haniff at 416-327-4866. Details on how to submit your input are available in the discussion document.

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