Third Session, Forty-second Parliament 71 Elizabeth II, 2022 Legislative Assembly of British Columbia

BILL 26

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 2022

Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy and Minister Responsible for TransLink

Explanatory Notes

CLAUSE 1: [Environmental Management Act, section 107.1]

- applies provisions of the *Offence Act* to searches under section 107.03 (3) and authorizes detention of things seized during those searches for an initial period of up to a year;
- applies restrictions on returning pollutants, environmental hazards and contaminated things to things seized during searches under section 107.03 (3).

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY AND MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSLINK

BILL 26 - 2022

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT ACT, 2022

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, enacts as follows:

- 1 Section 107.1 of the Environmental Management Act, S.B.C. 2003, c. 53, is amended
 - (a) in subsection (1) by striking out "anything seized by a conservation officer under section 107.02 or 107.03 (2)" and substituting "anything seized by a conservation officer under section 107.02 or 107.03", and
 - (b) in subsection (3) by striking out "anything seized in a search under section 107.02 or 107.03 (2)" and substituting "anything seized in a search under section 107.02 or 107.03".

Commencement

2 This Act comes into force on the date of Royal Assent.

Queen's Printer for British Columbia© Victoria, 2022