

Manitoba

LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Laws

Oct 30: [Regulatory changes](#) took effect in Manitoba to restore the 1:1 apprentice-to-journeyperson ratio, which was first implemented in response to the 1999 death of Michael Skanderberg, a 19-year-old electrician helper who was electrocuted while changing a light ballast without supervision. The previous provincial government increased the ratio to 2:1, a decision criticized for compromising safety.

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Oct 3: Second Reading for [Bill 16](#), a reform bill that would require the Manitoba provincial government to publish an annual report on all of its regulatory accountability initiatives during the year.

Workplace Violence

Oct 28: [Bill 39](#) banning the sale of machetes and other long-bladed weapons to anyone under age 18 passed Second Reading in the Manitoba Assembly. *The Long-Bladed Weapon Control Act* would also require retailers to collect photo ID from purchasers and maintain records on each purchase for at least 2 years.

Action Point: Find out about the 10 things you must do to [prevent workplace violence](#).