

# Manitoba

## LAWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### New Laws

Nov 4: Manitoba tabled budget legislation ([Bill 51](#)) exempting the purchase of certain manufacturing and processing equipment from retail sales tax, starting July 1, 2026. Businesses currently pay 7% retail sales tax on equipment purchases and get the tax refunded via the manufacturing investment tax credit. Equipment purchasers will still be eligible for the credit's 1% non-refundable component.

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Nov 14: The Governments of Canada and Manitoba are rolling out a new pilot program to promote sustainable farming practices. Starting in the 2026 crop year, Manitoba farmers who plant perennial forage crops on marginal land will receive a 15% discount on Forage Establishment Insurance premiums. Once the forage is in production the next year, farmers can also qualify for discounts on Basic or Select Hay Insurance or Forage Seed Insurance through the Manitoba Agricultural Services Corporation AgriInsurance program.

### Privacy

Nov 20: Newly tabled [Bill 2](#) expands privacy protections under existing legislation banning the sharing of intimate images without consent. Highlights: i. expanded definition of intimate image to include 'nearly nude'; ii. new ban on threatening to distribute an intimate image; iii. ban on taking or sharing nude or nearly-nude images of a person after their death; and iv. potential liability for websites that fail to act reasonably to remove nude or nearly-nude images.

**Action Point:** Digital privacy is also a potential liability risk for employers. Find out how to protect your organization from [revenge porn and cyberbullying liability](#).

### Drugs & Alcohol

Nov 5: The Manitoba Assembly passed [Bill 48](#) giving the police authority to detain an intoxicated person in a public place who poses a danger or causes a disturbance for up to 72 hours, the length of a meth psychosis, for their own protection. Individuals who are still intoxicated after 24 hours of detention in a protective care centre must be assessed by a health care professional.

**Action Point:** Find out how to implement an effective [policy to control substance abuse](#) at your workplace.