



Electrical Contractors Association of British Columbia

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TORONTO, Dec. 5, 2017: Bill 142, the *Construction Lien Amendment Act*, was passed with a unanimous vote and marks a pivotal moment wherein the rights and securities of Ontario's workers will now be held to a much higher standard. Bill 142 introduces what is arguably the most sweeping set of changes that the Canadian construction industry has ever seen. It affects 400,000+ workers in Ontario's construction sector. Highlights of the legislation include:

- Introduction of a prompt payment regime governing owners to pay invoices within 28 days, coupled with similar obligations for contractors and subcontractors to pay invoices from their downstream payees within 7 days of receiving payment from upstream.

- The right to charge interest on late payments

- The right to suspend work upon failure to pay in accordance with a determination made upon adjudication.

- Introduction of a system for adjudicating construction disputes.

To read the complete document:

[http://ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills\\_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=4957](http://ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet=&BillID=4957)

“We hope this historic legislation has a sweeping affect across the country,” said ECABC President Deborah Cahill. “This has been a long battle. ECABC joined The National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) and traveled to Ottawa in April 2015 and again in the spring of 2016 to represent workers and support Prompt Payment Legislation at the provincial and federal levels. The new legislation just passed in Ontario is a major win for our members and gives us leverage with Ottawa. We encourage our members to join the fight for prompt payment by contacting their local Member of Parliament and support the Canada Prompt Payment Act (Bill S-224).”

To support Bill S-224, go to: <http://www.promptpayment.ca>

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