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Enhancing Access to Justice Act, 2023: Administrative Monetary Penalties

On November 30, 2023, the government introduced Bill 157, the *Enhancing Access to Justice Act, 2023*.

Through this Bill, Ontario is proposing changes to the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997* (FPPA) to enhance enforcement and compliance by enabling the future development of an Administrative Monetary Penalty (AMP) framework. If passed, this would allow for the use of AMPs as a progressive enforcement tool that could be imposed upon anyone including tenants, owners, and corporations in contravention of the FPPA and its regulations such as the Ontario Fire Code.

The government is seeking public input on these proposed amendments to the FPPA, until January 2, 2024. Those interested in providing feedback are encouraged to do so via the Ontario Regulatory Registry: [Proposing Administrative Monetary Penalties under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997 \(ontariocanada.com\)](https://www.ontariocanada.com/Proposing-Administrative-Monetary-Penalties-under-the-Fire-Protection-and-Prevention-Act-1997)

AMPs would not be available as an enforcement tool until regulations are developed at a later date. There will be another public posting for the regulations, and we will welcome further feedback at that time.

If you have any questions about AMPs, please contact your local Fire Protection Adviser.