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# Critical Infrastructure Defence Amendment Act, 2025

Spring 2025

## Overview

The *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act*, enacted in 2020, is intended to protect essential infrastructure from trespassing, damage or interference, which can have significant public safety, social, economic and environmental consequences.

Amendments would clarify the application of the act, update the definition of essential infrastructure and incorporate the portion of the definition currently set out in the Critical Infrastructure Regulation into the act.

Amendments would assist with the implementation of the [Alberta Sovereignty Within a United Canada Act motion](#) to address the federal government's proposed Oil and Gas Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cap Regulations.

## Proposed amendments

- Explicitly state that the *Critical Infrastructure Defence Act* applies to the Government of Canada.
- Update the definition of essential infrastructure to add facilities where oil and gas production and emission data and records are held.
- Combine the definition of essential infrastructure in one place by including the two-kilometre-deep border zone north of the entire Alberta-United States border, as designated in the Critical Infrastructure Defense Regulation in January 2025, in the act.

## Additional background

- The *Alberta Sovereignty within a United Canada Act* defends Alberta's interests by giving our province a legal framework to push back on federal laws or policies that negatively impact the province.
- It will be used to address federal legislation and policies that are unconstitutional, violate Albertans' charter rights or that affect or interfere with our provincial constitutional rights.
- Section 92A of the *Constitution Act*, 1867 gives provinces jurisdiction over non-renewable natural resource development.
- The federal government's proposed Oil and Gas Emissions Cap Regulations would require Alberta to cut production to meet emissions targets.
- This federal regulation is unconstitutional and would damage Alberta's economy, industry and prosperity by limiting non-renewable natural resource development.

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