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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Chiefs of Police and  
Commissioner Thomas Carrique  
Chairs, Police Services Boards

**FROM:** Tony Tessarolo, for  
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**SUBJECT:** Exemptions Regulation amendments under the *Police  
Record Checks Reform Act, 2015*

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As a follow up to All Chiefs Memo 18-0073, I am writing to provide an update on the Exemptions regulation under the [Police Record Checks Reform Act, 2015](#) (PRCRA).

The [Exemptions regulation](#) (O. Reg. 347/18) grants temporary exemptions from the Act to requests for a police record check that are made for a variety of purposes, including for the purpose of screening individuals in relation to positions in policing and other positions in the justice sector. These temporary exemptions were set to expire on November 1, 2019.

On August 29, 2019 the Ministry of the Solicitor General (ministry) filed regulatory amendments to the Exemptions regulation under the PRCRA (O. Reg. 304/19) to extend all existing temporary exemptions for police record checks for approximately one year. The revised regulation will be posted on [e-Laws](#) shortly. The exemptions will now continue until **December 31, 2020**.

The ministry has also made minor housekeeping amendments to the PRCRA to align with the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

In the coming year, the ministry will work with policing partners on developing a permanent regulatory approach. We look forward to engaging you in this consultation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a horizontal line, positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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